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▲ Lou Cimaglia, Veterans' Services Director in Wilmington, places a wreath during the town's Memorial Day ceremony.

► Late State Representative James Miceli at one of his last public appearances.



◀ Look at all those smiling faces ready to graduate from WHS 2018!

(Front row): Kalin Connelly, Taeya Peroni, Jill Roche, Danielle Silva, Justin Trevisani, Joey Mirabella, Avery Andersen, Samantha Belmonte, Jackie Champoux, Kayley Keogan,

(Back row): Sara Troy, Mia O'Connell, Lauren D'Angelo, Ali Sullivan, Jill Miele, Joey Rebeiro, Jon Sears, AJ McKearney, Chris Grecco, Caroline Andersen, Bella Granara, Hailey Dusablom

(file photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Account approved for out-of-district student placement

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Dec. 12, the Wilmington School Committee unanimously voted to approve the creation of a revolving account in order to collect tuition from

out-of-district students attending school within the district in order to access specific programs.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand explained that, in cases when a student lives in a district that lacks a program that would best suit their needs, that student's home district may reach out to other districts within the SEEM collaborative (a network of area districts) in order to better place that student.

Brand stated that this program is different from school choice, as the student is placed specifically into the program deemed neces-

sary and that student returns to his or her home district as soon as the program is complete.

The issue has come before the School Committee at this point in time because an out-of-district student has been recommended for placement into the Wilmington preschool program, which does not exist in many other area districts.

According to Brand, tuition rate setting for out of district students will be determined by examining past tuition agreements within the SEEM collaborative.

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Initiatives and changes on schedule at Middle School

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — A new principal, talks about a new schedule, and the continuation of last year's new mental health initiative will each be important conversation points for the Wilmington Middle School in the new year.

At the Dec. 12 School Committee meeting, Dr. Glenn Brand's Superintendent's Report carried many updates specific to the Middle School.

According to Brand, the job posting for the principal position at the Middle School

has gone live. The search committee, comprised of stakeholders throughout the school and the district, had a preliminary meeting in the week before the holiday break.

"Once we get back in the new year, certainly a lot of work will happen very, very quickly," Brand said.

With regards to program of studies and scheduling at the Wilmington Middle School, Brand stated that it would be best for the school to begin planning and fact-finding before the new principal begins work. He stated that a small group would be assembled this spring to

study research regarding effective middle schools, scheduling, and programs of study. That group would ideally construct a report to hand off to the new principal at the end of the school year.

Brand also stated that there is no plan to make any changes to the program of study or scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year.

"It's the beginning of a fairly long process, but again, to wait for the arrival of a new principal, in my opinion, would have the potential to push this out even farther,"

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

The Science of Happiness on Monday, Jan. 7

Upcoming Events
Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older.

Pints + Pages Book Group *RR
Thursday, January 3, 7 pm
Instead of discussing a particular book this month, we'll meet up to share your

latest favorite reads, watches & listens! Plus get great recommendations from others. Bring along at least two (books, movies, series, podcasts, etc.) to share! If you don't have it in hand, that's okay! Just remember the title. **Location:** (Pancho's Cantina, Wilmington, MA)

Fiction Critique Group *RR
Saturday, January 5, 9:15 am
Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get construc-

tive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your e-mail address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials before the meeting. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Ask A Career Counselor *RR
Monday, January 7, 10 am
Got questions about how to describe gaps on your resume? Perhaps you left your last position with less than warm feelings or you are stuck on how to present yourself? Ask a MassHire

counselor about any aspect of the job search. Come with questions and leave with great ideas.

The Science of Happiness *RR
Monday, January 7, 2:30 pm
Do you ever find yourself wishing you could feel happier? Many of us do and we think we will feel happier as a result of something — such as finding a new job, finishing a project, losing 10 pounds, etc. However, psychologists and neurologists are now realizing that happiness can be more readily achieved through changing the way we think. Lizzie Linn Casanave, professor of philosophy at NECC, will explain this revolutionary concept and provide you with practical tools for achieving this new mindset.

How to Plan Meals *RR
Tuesday, January 8, 7 pm
Put an end to chaotic weeknights and never hear the dreaded, "what's for dinner?" again. Food bloggers and meal planners Brooke

and Adam Silva will teach you how to Pinterest, plan, and prep your way to week-night success!

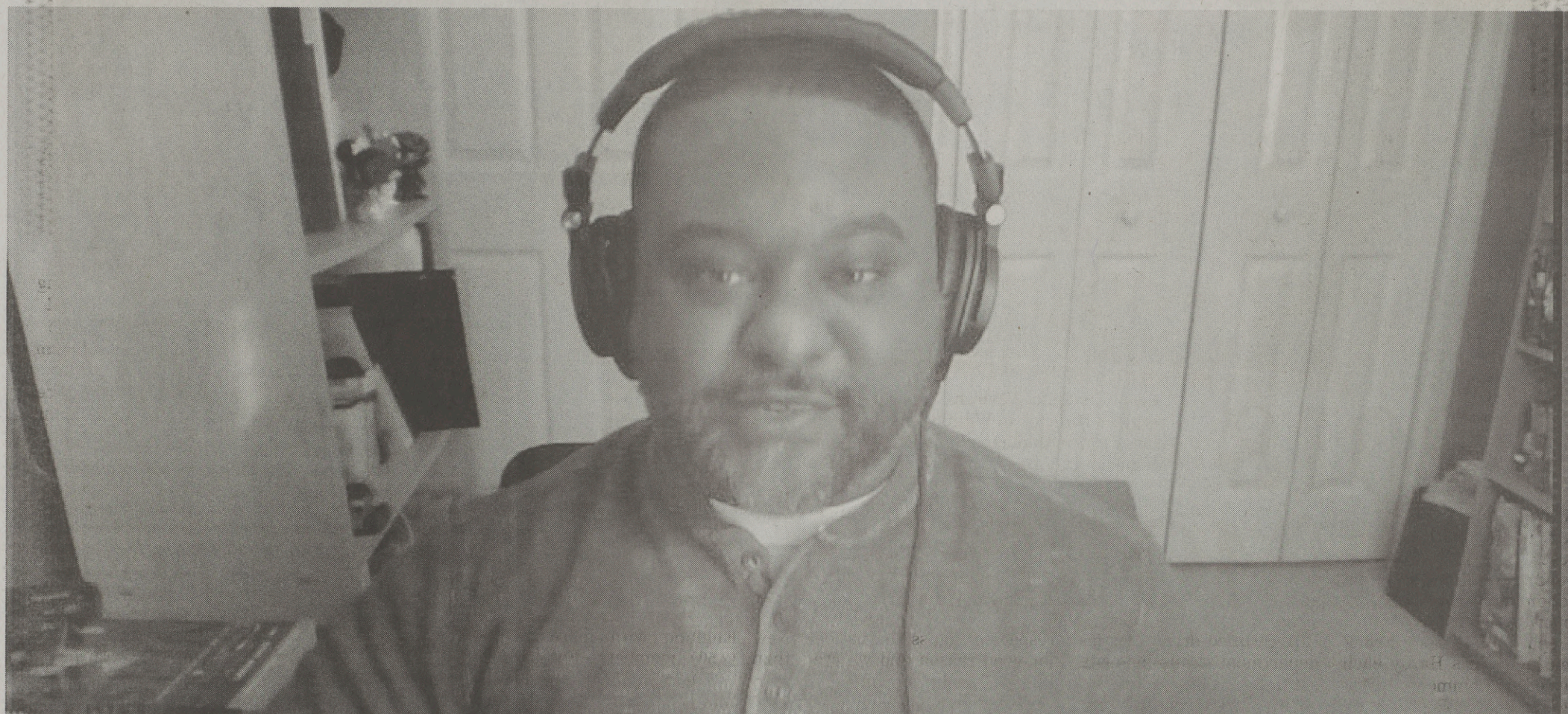
Bullet Journal Workshop (Limit 20, \$10 per person, 16+)
Thursday, January 10, 7 pm
Discover how to use a bullet journal that helps you stay organized and expresses your creativity. This is a hands-on course where you will learn (and create) the five primary spreads that you need to dive into the world of bullet journaling. Led by Paula Musegades, Owner of I'm Busy Being Awesome and writer behind www.imbusybeingawesome.com. Bullet journal and supplies provided. Register at main desk.0

Kids & Teen Events
LEGO Building
Thursday, January 3, 3:45 pm
Build a unique LEGO creation. Kindergarten+

Design a Board Game with Jeff Johnston *RR
Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 6:30-8 pm
Have an idea for your own board game? Bring it to life! Over the course of six sessions, you will come to understand the process from start to finish through instruction by a professional board game designer, while you work on your projects at home. Space is limited. Grades 7-12

Drop-In Storytime
Friday, January 4, 10 am
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Space is limited. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first-served basis. Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, January 7, 9:30 am
At this drop-in playgroup we will begin with a story and then play together! Led by the CTI Family Resource Network. Ages 1-5



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Lamar Giles for the hat trick on Book Stew

To welcome in the New Year, host Eileen MacDougall interviews author Lamar Giles on the January episode of Book Stew. Lamar writes YA and middle grade

fiction, has been nominated for an Edgar Award, had his book *Overtaken* reviewed in the *Sunday New York Times Book Review*, and is a co-founder of the wildly successful We Need Diverse Books organization. Lamar skypes in from Virginia and shares the introduction he wrote for the new fantasy anthology *Fresh Ink*.

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at noon. To watch online, use this link for the latest episode <http://wctv.org/book-stew/>. Instructions are also available at that link for finding and viewing any of the prior 63 Book Stew programs.

Book Stew Reviews 'A Place for Us' by Fatima Farheen Mirza

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Sometimes having multiple narrators creates mass confusion, but in this heart-breaking yet hope-filled novel of Muslim-Americans from India, it works beautifully (except for the one character whose inner thoughts are unknown, which is problematical, since every other important thinker is heard. So I kept thinking, "What about Huda?" and it was distracting. My only criticism.). The positive and negative effects of living the constricted life of a devout Muslim in America are dramatically presented, although the family's stumbling blocks to happiness are not so different from what any family suffers —

which I guess is one of the intended themes. People fall in love with the wrong people, fathers can't express joy as easily as disapproval, mothers have their favorites, some people feel everything more deeply and painfully — these are all common tropes in family sagas, but are particularly well-written here. The strategy of shifting time frames, not with alternating chapters as is so frequently overdone these days, brings later events into sharper focus. Quotes: "I don't believe He created us just to leave some of us behind." "I have given away the only power I had in this situation at all, the power of appearing unaffected."

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois



SPLITTING FEDERAL INCOME TAX REFUNDS — PART III —

You can ask IRS to direct deposit your refund into your account, your spouse's account or a joint account. You should verify that your financial institution accepts a joint refund into an individual account.

Must I split my refund equally?
You have the flexibility of dividing and directing your refund any way you want. There is no requirement to make the deposits equal. However, if you are buying U.S. Series I Savings Bonds, the amount you request must be a multiple of \$50.

Can I direct IRS to deposit all or part of my refund to any of my accounts with any financial institution?
IRS will direct deposit refunds to any of your checking or savings accounts with any U.S. financial institution that accepts electronic deposits. However, you should verify that your financial institution accepts direct deposits for the type of account you want to direct your deposit to and verify the account and routing numbers.

Reminder: Your refund should only be deposited directly into accounts that are in your own name, your spouse's name or both if it's a joint account.

If I am filing a joint return with my spouse, must our refund be deposited to a jointly-held account?
You can ask IRS to direct deposit a refund on a joint return into your account, your spouse's account, or a joint account. However, state and financial institution rules can vary and you should first verify your financial institution will accept a joint refund into an individual account.

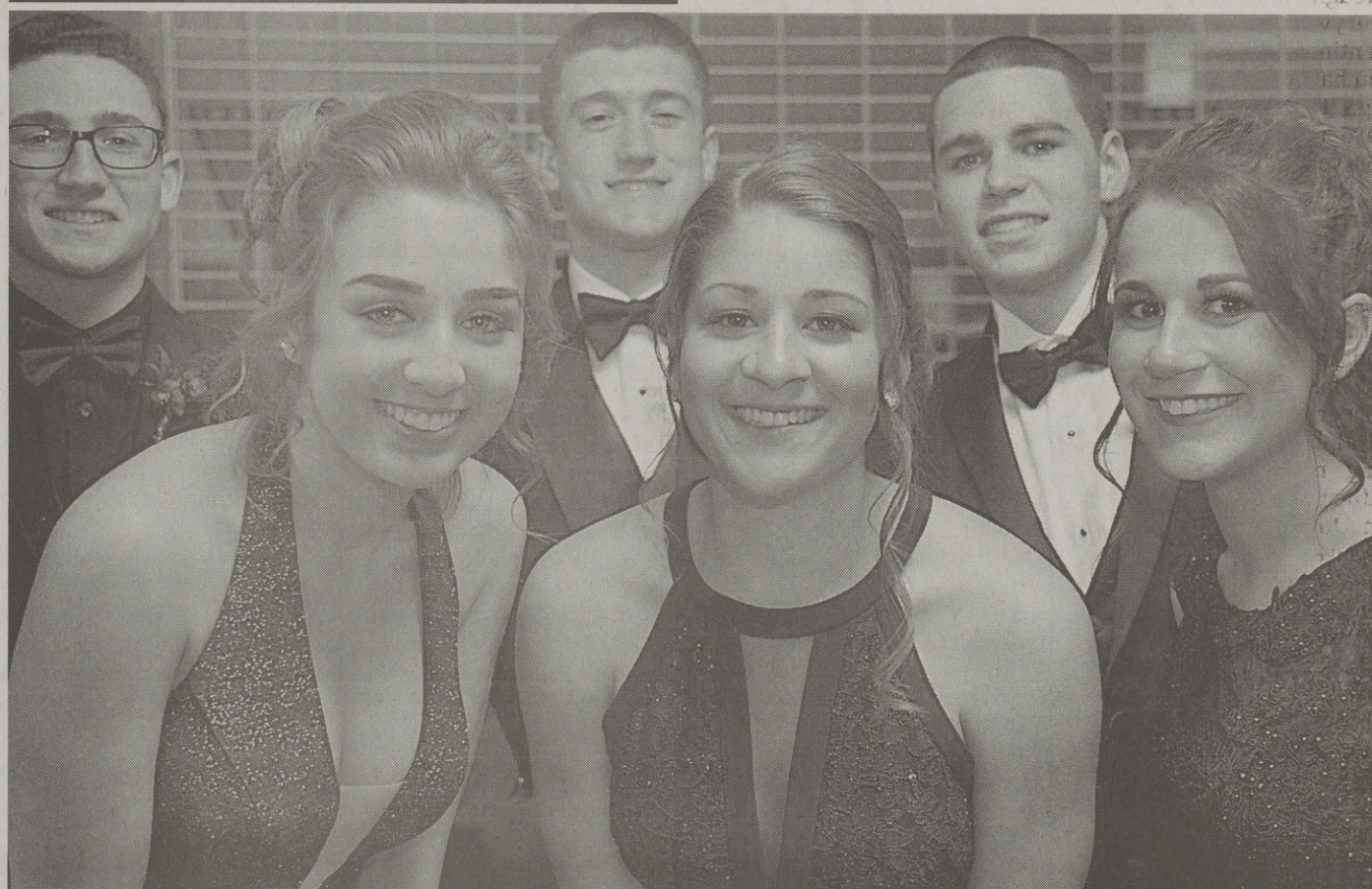
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2018 Prom memories

▼ All dressed up and ready to party, Jillian Miele, Lauren D'Agelo, Natalie Gosselin, Joey Rebero, Jared Marguod and Matt Blair at the WHS Promenade.

(file photo: BruceHilliard.com)





Middlesex Sheriff deputies graduate Teamsters Local 25 CDL training program

TEWKSBURY — Teamsters Local 25 and the Middlesex Sheriff's Office are proud to announce the completion of a unique training opportunity for deputies.

Deputy Sheriffs Frank Reid and Chris Hardy each earned a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) by completing the renowned truck driving program at the Teamsters Local 25 Training Center in Tewksbury earlier this year. Adding these properly trained, CDL-certified drivers will allow the Middlesex Sheriff's Office to continue providing key scenario-based training opportunities to local law enforcement partners via its Mobile Training Center (MTC).

"Teamsters Local 25 is proud to partner with law enforcement and public safety agencies to provide this important driver training," said Teamsters Local 25 President, Sean M. O'Brien.

"Sheriff Koutoujian understands the importance of properly training his deputies and should be applauded for having the vision to recognize the value of having CDL-certified drivers for his department's mission-critical transportation needs."

With these certifications Deputies Reid and Hardy, who are assigned fulltime to provide training support aboard the MTC, will now also be able to transport the state-of-the-art trailer on as needed basis to police departments across Middlesex County. In 2017 alone, nearly 20 local police departments utilized the MTC to conduct interactive, scenario-based firearms training.

"Having access to this training for our deputies is significant for us," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "The importance of having CDL-certified drivers cannot be over-

stated, both in terms of protecting public safety and allowing our deputies to better perform their mission. The Teamsters Local 25 Training Program is well-respected across the nation for good reason and we are thankful for its support."

In addition to preparing for the CDL road test, students at the Teamsters Local 25 Training Center have opportunities to earn other transportation-related credentials, including first aid, CPR, and licenses to operate hoisting machinery, such as backhoes and forklifts, and to handle or haul hazardous materials. Drivers who graduate the program, often called "Teamsters University," attain high paying jobs that include great benefits that come with union membership.

In addition, Teamsters University is seeing a rapid increase in women partici-

pants. More than 20 percent of its CDL graduates are female, and that number is growing.

Teamsters Local 25 is the largest Teamsters' union in New England with more than 12,500 members. For more information about the Teamsters Local 25 Training Program, please visit www.teamsterslocal25.com/driver-training.html or call 978-851-4782.

▲ Teamsters Local 25 and the Middlesex Sheriff's Office are proud to announce the completion of a unique training opportunity for deputies. Deputy Sheriffs Frank Reid and Chris Hardy each earned a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) by completing the renowned truck driving program at the Teamsters Local 25 Training Center in Tewksbury. Pictured at the Local 25 Training Center in Tewksbury are (from left) Teamsters Local 25 President Sean M. O'Brien, Deputy Frank Reid, Deputy Chris Hardy, and Middlesex County Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. (Courtesy photo)

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By LARZ F. NELSON

What would it take to get you to stop smoking? This is a tough question for smokers everywhere. But if you're wanting to quit, it helps if you have a few people watching. It's even better if they have a financial interest.

50 years ago, I stopped in at Ralph's Barber Shop in North Wilmington. Ralph was a good source of news tips, if not competition for the local newspaper. My father, a good Scandinavian squarehead, would go in and ask for "size 7 & 3/8, three corners knocked off."

Ralph Allen had been cutting my hair forever. My father would take us to Adrian Durkee's shop up in the Square about 1950. Ralph, then in his early 20s, worked for Adrian. He opened his own shop in the side of Elia's Store in North Wilmington in 1958.

Ralph usually closed his shop on Wednesdays, and some would say he was playing golf. But I knew otherwise. When I had a bad accident in 1964, Ralph came into

the Mass. General Hospital and gave me a haircut, just before I went up for surgery. That was the sort of thing he'd do on his days off. He always took a strong interest in his customers.

In the last days of 1968, I came down with a bad cold. Just after New Year's, I went into Ralph's and mentioned that I hadn't had a cigarette in three days.

"Are you going to quit?" he asked.

I hadn't planned to quit, but before I could answer, Ralph had a proposition. "Want to start a pool?" Ralph liked to gamble. He would often bet on political races. On Friday nights, you might find him in a poker game.

He proposed that we put up a dollar a day, and if you smoked, you'd lose. I came back at 50 cents a day, the cost of a pack of cigarettes in 1969.

We soon recruited five other smokers: Bob Doucette, Don Andersen, Gerry Pizzetti, Donna Sutton and Jackie (?), who had the drapery shop next to the North Wilmington Pharmacy. I was the treasurer.

Bob was the first to drop out, only two weeks in. He would bum a cigarette, saying he'd only quit buying, not smoking.

Ralph and Don each lasted about a month.

By summertime, it was obvious that Jackie was smoking. She'd buy cigarettes in the drug store. I went into her shop and there was a full ash tray on her desk.

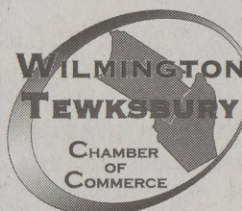
"Why are you still in this?" I asked. "You know you can't win." She dropped out, leaving behind \$75.

In late November, with three of us left in the pool, Gerry asked if he and Donna could drop out and take their money for Christmas shopping. They were only asking for the amount they had put in. So I gave them each \$165.

I left the balance in the account for another month, just so there could be no claim that I had also pulled out early. In January 1970, I withdrew \$298, closing the account.

The real prize, though, is that 50 years later, I am still a non-smoker.

Thank you, Ralph.



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6:00 pm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Place: Strive 24 Hour Fitness, Wilmington

Coffee With The Chamber - Chamber 101

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Place: Chamber Office, Wilmington
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OPINION

Letters to the editor

Patriot Pen essay winners

To the editor,
Tewksbury VFW Post 8164 announces the Patriot Pen Essay contest district winners. 1st place, Morgan Kelly from the John Ryan Elementary School. 2nd place, Brooke Bunyan from the John Wynn Middle School. 3rd place, Ava Kanaxis from the John Ryan Elementary School.

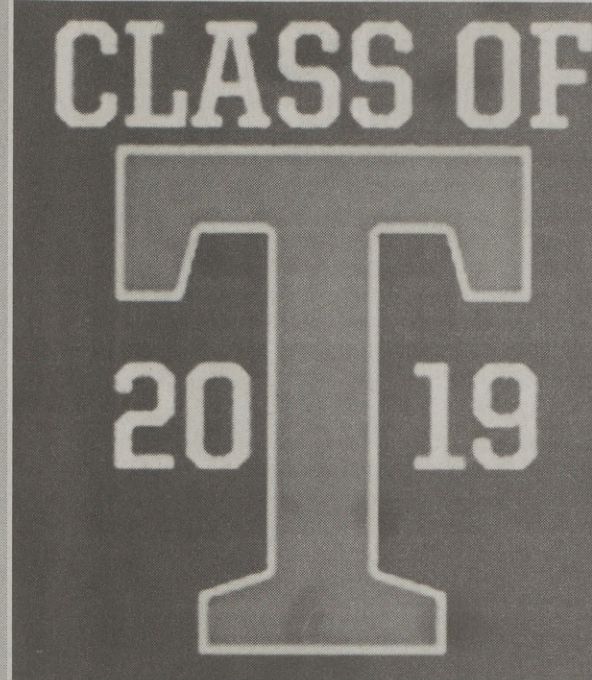
All three district winners are from the Tewksbury Public Schools and will receive monetary awards to be announced at the State Patriot Pen/Voice of Democracy Banquet on Jan. 27 at Doubletree Hotel in Leominster.

The Patriot Pen Essay Competition is to give 6th-8th grade students the opportunity to write an essay on the annual patriotic theme to express their views on democracy.

Having all three district winners, out of 331 district contestants, from Tewksbury is quite an achievement not only for the students but for the teachers and Tewksbury Public Schools as well. Congratulations to all.

VFW Post 8164
Commander Vinnie Oliva

What the new year holds at TMHS



By MATT FRONDUTO
TMHS Correspondent

The arbitrary halfway point in the school year has come and gone, and with it, the book closes on a successful 2018 for Tewksbury Memorial High School, and as the new book opens, members of the high school's community will be bombarded with a vast series of opportunities. One of these many opportunities will of course offer this year's seniors a chance to partake in TMHS's second ever Senior Project, looking to build off an impressive 2018 debut for the program.

If you are unfamiliar with the Senior Project

experience, it is one that offers senior students at TMHS to engage in an externship — or perhaps another, similar type of unpaid internship — in substitution of some classes. While participants still must attend Advanced Placement classes if they take any, most of the time that would be spent at school, is now essentially being spent gaining experience needed for the real world.

The entire program offers students a premier opportunity to familiarize themselves with the career path that they intend on pursuing once graduating high school or college.

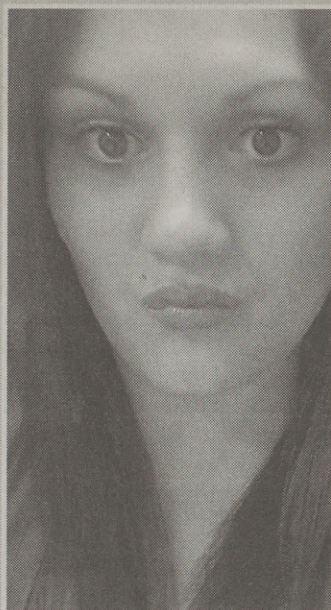
Another exciting time

for students — particularly seniors — comes with the approaching arrival of senior week, and with that, of course, comes senior prom. While some upperclassmen were given a taste of prom last year, nothing quite compares to senior prom naught but a month before graduating high school. There is almost a certain magic to it, and all of the attendees are likely to feel it in the air when the day comes.

Even junior students are given the opportunity to take part in their own prom, and while less grandiose than the senior's celebration, I speak from experience when I say that it is not an experience that one wants to miss.

One must also not forget the switching of classes, as the electives one took in term one will be flipped, and those which they have chosen for the second half of the year will fill their schedule.

These are only a fraction of the bountiful opportunities and privileges awarded to upperclassmen as they approach their final months of high school, and while all that which I have laid out is reason enough to be excited, sometimes it can be the more spontaneous bursts of fresh experiences that truly enrich the high school experience.



▲ YESSENIA ROMAN
(Courtesy photos)

Police looking for missing person Yessenia Roman

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating a missing endangered person from the community. Yessenia Roman, 27, was last seen by staff members at the Tewksbury State Hospital on Dec. 14.

According to Roman's mom (who is her legal guardian), Roman suffers from mental illness and currently resides as a patient at the Tewksbury State Hospital. Her mom believes she may be off her required medication which would present a danger to her well-being. Detectives have reason to believe she was in Lawrence after leaving the State Hospital grounds on that date as a transportation service driver indicated he picked her up at the Tewksbury State Hospital and dropped her off in the Union Street area of Lawrence at approximately 6 pm on that evening. She was last seen wearing an olive green jacket and black leggings. She also has connections to Chelsea and Malden. All the area police departments were notified and area hospitals have been checked and no new information has surfaced. Continuous attempts to locate her via her cell phone have proven to be fruitless as the phone has been turned off (with no outgoing calls) since she left the State Hospital grounds on Dec. 14.

Any information as to Roman's whereabouts would be greatly appreciated and should be reported directly to the Tewksbury Police Department. The Tewksbury Police Department urges any citizens who suspect criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-0175 or send an email to tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov.

First, I love America but am totally fed up with most of the news stories on television and newspapers including the state and national papers filled with stories about a wall to our south, declaring a war over that is not, a government at the national level with a shutdown meaning potentially thousands of government employees not receiving salaries, changes in the higher ranking of cabinet officials leaving a state of confusion and most recently a 911 system that breaks down, so much poverty in our large cities not to mention local communities and a national government that seems to have no focus in moving forward.

By PAUL J. ANDREWS
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Winchester Hospital

This column will be a bit different as I will begin with a rant, followed by some research on thoughts to improve our schools and conclude with a prediction for the year ahead.

A rant about our country

While we normally end a calendar year with some optimism and look forward with the hope for the year ahead, maybe it is me, but I do not see a bright future ahead as confusion will continue in Washington especially not to mention along our southern border. I am not sure how many readers have been to our Mexican border but it is absolutely incredible in terms of those who wish to enter our country and I will say many find a way to do so. Vehicles going into San Diego are

lined up for miles and no wall is going to stop all access.

Then we compound the issue with the difficulty that local employers had this past summer in finding good employees, including those who just come to work each day and show up to work, as well as being productive. What we saw this past summer with added border controls on entrance to the United States was the lack of young folks from countries who use to send hundreds of young workers to perform summer jobs in resort areas now totally lacking. I see no changes ahead in 2019. Congress will try to make some changes but the long national debate will continue with little optimism for resolution.

Some education thoughts

How can we get children to read fluently? How does reading comprehension develop? How can children be taught effectively? In mathematics, should we just simply teach students facts to memorize or should students explore strategies to figure out and understand why $9 + 6 = 15$.

These questions have been raised by Michael Petrilli. He makes the point that researchers should be able to focus on these most important questions and design studies to test various hypotheses.

The questions that are raised make a great deal of common sense, as we find ourselves in a very different world, where we need to look at how research in medicine and architecture plus so many other fields come up with conclusions to give us clues and strategies for improvements in this impor-

tant area of learning.

While being a life-long educator, I am convinced that we need to make changes to address some of the issues Petrilli has raised and maybe, just maybe this will give us some insight to improve our teaching and learning

Prediction for Mass. Education

I am an optimist, as most of you who know me are aware, and feel that some solid improvements in education funding to our cities and towns will take place this coming year with a legislature that will unify for the good of our students. I feel that solid outside forces

will join with a united Massachusetts Senate and House along with the governor to face education revenue shortfalls, as well as some of the testing and teaching for all students in our Commonwealth.

While this will not be any easy task, I feel the upper level education state planners and the Massachusetts Legislature will initiate a forward thrust to the needs of all our communities, educators and students.

JUST A NOTE — Again Happy Year and I look forward to seeing you all and feel free to e-mail me at andrews@massupt.org and follow me on twitter at @Paulandrewsmass

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OBITUARY

Margaret A. 'Peggy' (Ray) Gray

Very talented at knitting and crocheting

Margaret A. "Peggy" (Ray) Gray, age 72, of Billerica, formerly a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Dec. 24, 2018.

Peggy was born in Woburn, MA on Aug. 22, 1946; she was the only daughter to the late Joseph and Tullia Ray. Peggy was raised in a large, loving Italian family in Woburn; she went to Woburn Public Schools and was a graduate of Woburn High School with the Class of 1965.

Peggy married and soon after moved to Wilmington where she raised two wonderful daughters, Lisa and Michele. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who looked forward to spending time with her family. Peggy beamed with pride as she spoke about "her girls" and especially her grandchildren whom she adored.

At her home in Wilmington, Peggy had an "open door" policy and all were welcome. She was an excellent cook who hosted many family gatherings and cook-outs throughout the years. Peggy always went out of her way to include family, extended family, friends and neigh-

bors; everyone always had a great time.

Peggy was very talented when it came to knitting and crocheting; she made countless blankets, sweaters and other gifts that she shared with her family and friends. In her spare time, she enjoyed watching her favorite television shows as she worked on her projects.

Peggy was a "social butterfly" who made friends wherever she went. She also loved animals especially her beloved cats. Peggy was a huge Elvis fan who enjoyed collecting his memorabilia throughout the years.

Peggy will be fondly remembered for her love of family and friends; she was always kind to others and went out of her way to help anyone; she will always be in the hearts of those she loved.

Peggy was the beloved mother of Lisa Roberts & her companion Gerry Boucher of North Andover and Michele Smith & her companion Joe Luciano of Chelmsford, both formerly of Wilmington.

Loving "Grammy" of Nicole, Angelina and the late Allyson Roberts and Bryan

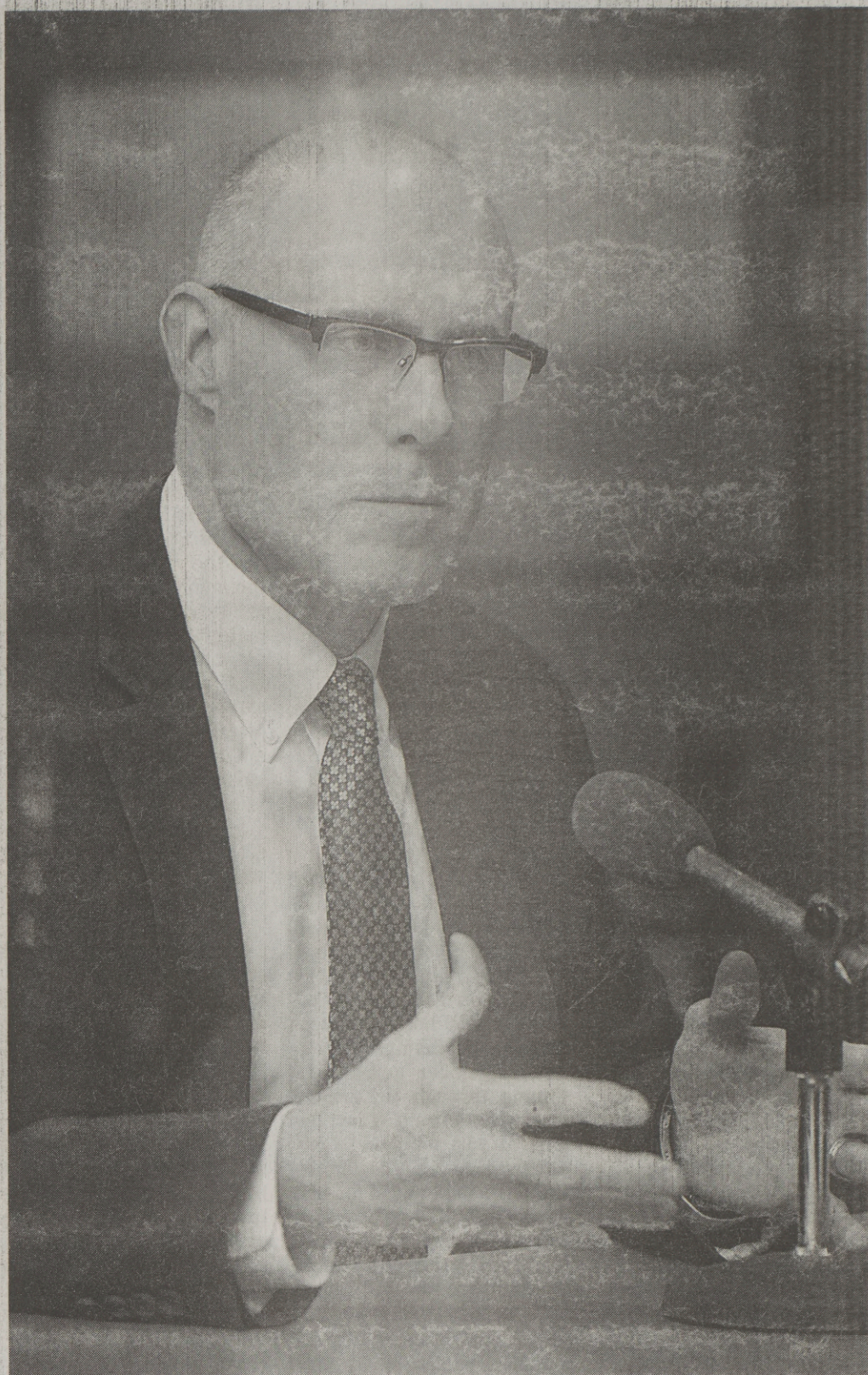


Smith, cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Tullia (Zarrella) Ray, dear sister of Joseph Ray & wife Sue of Rye, NH and Jack Ray & wife Kelly of Maynard, special aunt of Jessica, Mitchell and Kaytlin Ray.

Peggy is also survived by many cousins and friends.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours were held on Wednesday, Jan. 2 from 5 - 8 p.m.

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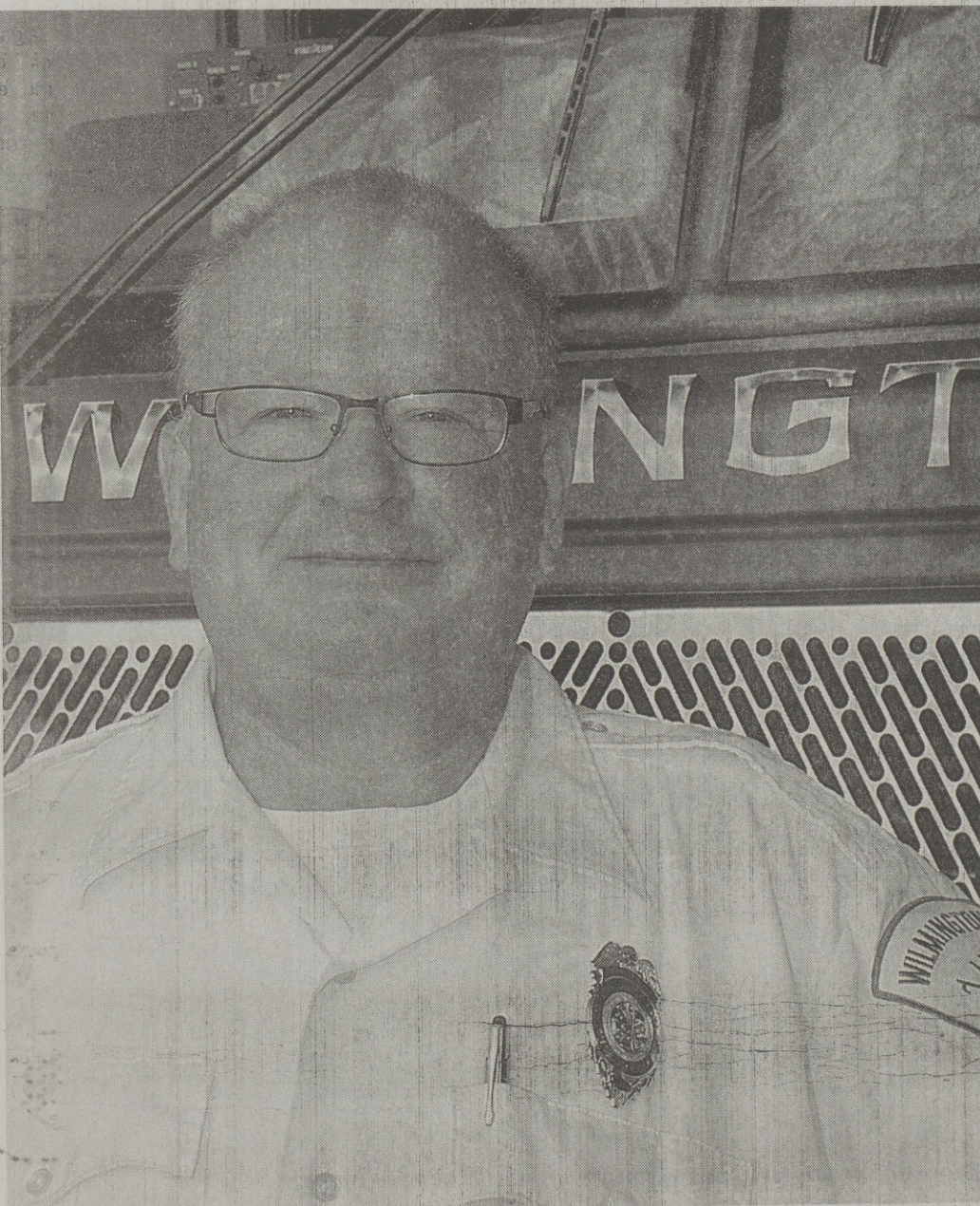
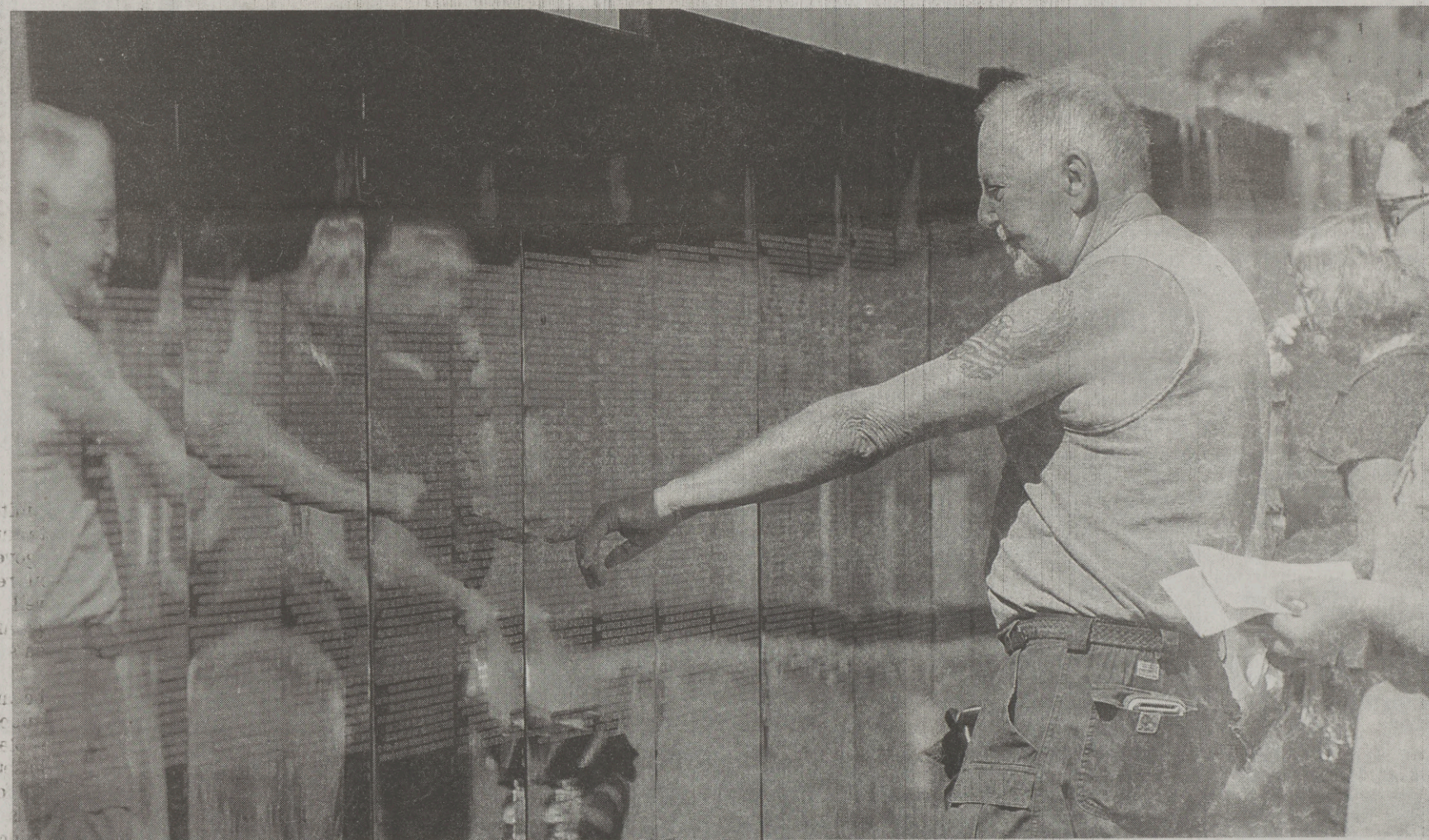
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▲ Following the death of former Superintendent Joanne Benton, the Wilmington School Committee again set out to find a replacement. The winning candidate was Dr. Glenn Brand,

▲ Vietnam Veteran USAF Staff Sargent Stan Michell points out a name he remembers on the Traveling Wall as Maura Gillis looks on.

▼ Joseph McMahon, newly appointed WFD Chief.

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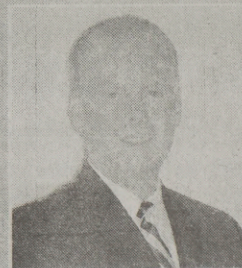
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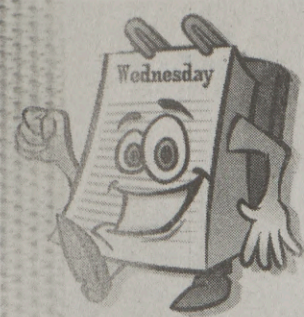
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Community Calendar

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Wilmington Calendar:

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Mondays from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Aldersgate Church, 235 Park Street in North Reading

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Abundant Life Open House

Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Abundant Life Christian School, 173 Church Street

The Abundant Life Christian Center will be holding an Open House for infants through 5th Grade for fami-

lies of infants through 5th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Abundant Life has been growing kids God's way since 1982. Abundant Life Christian School is located at 173 Church Street, across from the Wilmington Town Common. Call 978-657-8710 or visit ablifeschool.com for more information.

Knights of Columbus Cribbage

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus
If you will be looking for something to do on Monday nights during the fall and winter, then how about playing some cribbage? The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will host cribbage matches beginning on Monday, September 10 and continuing through the winter into early spring. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts about two hours. The competition is head to head for five games against five different opponents. There is a small entry fee and at the end of the night the two top scorers will receive cash prizes. If

you are interested, the club is located on Middlesex Ave behind St. Thomas church, and the matches are held in the members lounge which is accessed at the rear of the building. The lounge has a cash bar and we have two large screen TVs so that you can keep an eye on your favorite teams. This is an adult activity and they are looking for players male and female at all skill levels. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

Alateen

The first and third Thursday of each month
St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury

When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how

you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen.

Safety seat installation
Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street

The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

Tewksbury Calendar:

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SilverTones
3rd Friday Dance

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. beginning September 21

Tewksbury Senior Center at 275 Chandler Street

The Tewksbury SilverTones have returned from summer hiatus and will be performing for the remainder of the year on its "3rd Friday Dance" schedule. This is the start of its 18th year of entertaining. The 20-piece professional orchestra now led by Mary Beth Foley-Cummings will perform for listening and dancing in all genres of familiar music with the vocals of Barbara Braxten, for singles and couples. The \$10 admission per person will include cake, coffee/tea and free ice. Attendees are encouraged to bring along their favorite beverages and snacks, though there is a \$1 soda

machine on site. The door prize will be for 2 free admissions to any future dance. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Open rehearsals are always free admission, but the SilverTones ask that there be no snacks or beverages. Families are welcome. For more information, contact the manager through the Senior Center at 978-640-4480.

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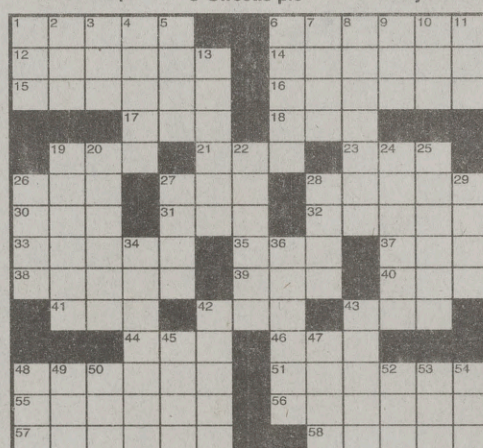
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Wortman recognized by American Planning Assoc.

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury resident Erin Wortman was recently recognized for her service to the Town of Stoneham by the American Planning Association - Massachusetts Chapter.

Wortman is described as "the model of an effective and mission-driven planner."

As Director of Planning and Community Development for the Town of Stoneham, Wortman is credited with helping to move Stoneham in a positive direction that will benefit all of its residents as well as the region. Wortman is Vice President of the Metropolitan Area Planning

Council, a regional planning agency charged with promoting smart growth and regional collaboration.

As a volunteer member of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw Review Committee, Wortman has been helping update and streamline the town's zoning bylaws.

"This ZBR process is crucial to the future of Tewksbury and it gives space for residents to continue to have thoughtful, thorough conversations about our community. When a community creates a master plan, it's a document of wants, wishes, and aspirational goals whereas by-

law updates are the catalyst to turn those dreams into reality. This type of recodification gives the us the opportunity to address inconsistencies that exist in the current version while creating a dynamic, user-friendly document," said Wortman in an email to *The Town Crier*.

Wortman possesses a master's degree in Public Administration from Bridgewater State University and has worked for several municipalities over the past 12 years, holding multiple state planning memberships and receiving numerous professional accolades.

◀Tewksbury resident, Erin Wortman (Courtesy photo)



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Lifestyle



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU?

Set realistic goals for 2019

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

After the New Year's ball has dropped, toasts have been made, and the last chorus of Auld Lang Syne has been sung, we wake on the first morning of the New Year filled with the hope and promise that this is the year we will achieve the goals we have set in our New Year's resolutions.

By the second week of February, after bracing for the third Nor'easter of the season, we are rationalizing to ourselves that our New Year's resolution goals were of no real benefit, and we make a promise that next year will be different, then we proceed to eat a quart of Ben and Jerry's ice cream for dinner.

This New Year's Resolution scenario as been going on as long as one can remember, starting out with such optimism and hope, and ultimately ending in failure and disappointment. According to polls done by Forbes and Huffington Post, only eight percent of people actually keep their New Year's resolutions. Is it really that we are all too unorganized and lazy, or are we simply setting up unrealistic goals?

For 2019, start the year with the same level of hope and optimism for your New Year's goals, but give your execution of these goals a slightly new spin.

For this New Year, make your resolutions with specific goals, not blanket statements. Instead of stating in 2019 you plan to read more, change it to in 2019 you plan to read at least 10 pages of a book at bedtime, or read two books by March 1. This way you can track your accomplishments, and tweak your initial goals to realistically fit into your lifestyle.

Choose measurable goals and

track your goals and achievements. If weight loss is one of your resolutions, keep a log or journal of your accomplishments, or try one of the many free apps available for your smartphone made specifically to track exercise or weight loss. There are many food logging apps like Lose It, that will let you log in your food consumption for each day, and track your calorie, fat and carbohydrate intake, as well as the amount of calories you burn from exercise or even daily activities like yard work or house cleaning. These type of apps also allow you to scan the barcodes off of packaged food to make it easier to log in your calorie intake.

Exercising more is always a top 10 New Year's resolution for many

of us. But before you sign up for that expensive membership to the gym you won't go to, or buy that pricey exercise equipment that will become an oversized coat rack, try a step tracking app like Steps. This app tracks the steps you take in a day, so you can see how active or inactive you have been on any particular day. The recommended amount of steps is 10,000 steps per day. If it is a busy day at the office, and you know you won't have time for any planned exercise, you can simply take a few laps around your office while you make some phone calls, park at the furthest parking spot in the parking lot, or take the stairs instead of the elevator. With the step tracking app, you can see the big difference doing those few simple activities will make in your

total steps for the day.

The most important thing about making a successful New Year's resolution is to make your goals achievable. For example, cutting out sweets and deserts all together may not be a realistic goal. Instead, try a resolution to add more fruits and vegetables to your diet. Adding fruits and vegetables that are high in fiber like pears, blackberries, kale, and lentils help to keep you feeling full longer, thereby making your cravings for sweets and carbs to become less.

Also give yourself realistic timelines. Don't tell yourself you will lose 20 pounds in two weeks, or resolve that you are going to save money by making a dress to wear to your cousin's wedding that is 10 days from today. Set small weekly goals, like exercising three times this week, bringing a bag lunch on Monday and Tuesday this week instead of buying lunch, or having

two less cigarettes per day this week than you did last week. Some changes simply require baby steps to achieve your ultimate goal.

Along with the tried and true resolutions we all make like weight loss, get more organized, save money or quit smoking, there are also a few other very simple resolutions you may not have tried before, but could profoundly improve your life in 2019.

Say "Thank You" to someone at least once a day. Studies show that being grateful has a powerful effect on your own mood as well as others around you.

Make eye contact with people as you speak and listen to them. A person's eyes can say a lot, and you may be surprised at what you've been missing.

When your impulse is to take out your phone when you have some free time, do something else. Clean out your purse, review for that big exam or meeting tomorrow, or go for a walk. You may not realize how much of your time is spent with your phone.

Learn to cook three new meals this year. If you are an accomplished chef, new menus are always exciting to add to your repertoire. If you are not much of a cook, step out of your comfort zone by trying new foods, and possibly spending less money on take out.

Try something new every week in 2019. A new coffee flavor. A new radio station. A new condiment on your burger. A new family activity. Being open to new things helps to widen your horizons and broaden your mind.

2019 is bright and new, full of hope and promise. The new and improved you is ready to take on new challenges and make your goals a reality! But, if things don't go as planned when executing your New Year's resolution, just remember, there's always next year.



New Year's resolutions often include eating healthier, left, or working out, below. Making small changes helps make these goals more achievable. (Heather Burns photos)



By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
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Demystifying blood donation

I recently had the opportunity to donate blood through a Red Cross event at the Tewksbury Public Library. I had always wanted to donate blood but, for a variety of reasons, could not ever make it happen. Having the blood drive nearby on the day after Christmas, however, lined up perfectly for me.

I was just a bit apprehensive but eager to "give back." My dad had used quite a bit of blood product through his life, and I felt that donating would be something I could do to thank people for their generosity toward him. I am fortunate to be healthy and not on medication, but all medications are not limiting factors for good donation, which I learned.

After seeing the link online through the library newsfeed, I clicked and picked a time slot that worked for me. I later learned that walk-ins are also welcomed,

but sometimes the response is so large that there is the risk of being turned away. I added my name and appointment time to a sign-in sheet and was given a multi-page document to read.

Information was provided to pre-screen donors including information about health history, travel history, sexual history and any type of drug use. A large medication list is included, which could disqualify someone from donating, however, the list is just a frontline screening and there is an opportunity to discuss medication history during the live screening.

I was surprised at the list of countries that were considered worthy of note as well, along with years that one may have visited. Duration of stay and the years visited was also a key factor; if you had been in some countries for a total of three months or five months, the screen-

er needed to know. I researched and learned that this is due to malaria being present in certain countries, and the lack of a blood test to determine if it is present in your system. The same is true for Mad Cow Disease, a fatal brain disease which has shown up in humans, suspected through blood transfusion, and again for which there is no direct test.

Once I read the paperwork, I was brought to a cubicle to have my personal information entered by a Red Cross worker. Name, age, and other details are captured and a finger stick is done to determine iron level. The technician explained that sometimes people are not able to proceed with donation due to low iron levels or disqualifying answers to questions. This results in some disappointment I was told, but people, on the whole, seem to understand how impor-

tant it is to have accurate, healthy blood donated.

Once cleared, an online questionnaire is completed, blood pressure taken, and then it is off to the table for donation. A Red Cross phlebotomist placed a tourniquet around my arm and tapped my skin to find the most optimal vein. She explained that hydration is very important when donating, and people should drink lots of water in the days prior to and on the day of donation.

The skilled phlebotomist made the needle insertion quick and painless. One pint of blood is drawn, and several protective measures are followed to insure proper tracking; the donor name is checked over and over, and the donor date of birth is confirmed.

I was given a squeeze ball to keep the blood flowing and before I knew it, I was finished. I was asked to sit

up slowly and then ushered to the canteen to have juice and a snack before I went home. I did not experience any lightheadedness or dizziness, but that can happen to people. The Red Cross has a comprehensive brochure about after effects, but I was grateful to feel just fine.

Blood that is donated is used in three parts; red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. Red blood cells are good for 42 days, platelets are good for five days, and plasma is frozen and good for up to one year. It is easy to see how this is precious and perishable product, and why blood donation is always needed. According to the Red Cross, there is currently no substitute for human blood at this time.

Repeat blood donation can only occur once the body has regenerated its stores, which is in approximately two months, though it does vary by person. I am happy to have gone through the process and I look forward to participating the next time I am eligible.

www.redcrossblood.org



Tewksbury Police Log

Billerica man charged with drug possession

Monday, December 24

1:35 a.m. - Police out at River Road and Andover Street with a motor vehicle for marked lanes violation. James Kinsella, 24, of 28 Andover Road at Billerica, was arrested and charged with two counts of possess class E drugs, operating motor vehicle with license suspended, number plate violation to conceal identification, shoplifting by asportation, marked lanes violation, following too closely, and sending or reading of electronic messages while operating motor vehicle composing.

6:20 a.m. - Police sent at Motel 6 to attempt to serve a warrant. David Prescott, 55, of 27 Stevens St. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with straight warrant by the Middlesex Superior Court.

6:35 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Sorng Morn, 56, of 527 Milgin Dr. in Cincinnati Ohio, was arrested and charged with default warrant.

8:42 p.m. - A dog wandered onto the caller's property at

Magna Vista Circle. Dog was described as small and white with brown spots with tags. Owner was notified and was picking up the dog.

11:59 p.m. - Manager of Circle K reported a suspicious male in a grey SUV. He must be having some car issues, but acting strange. Police sent. Alexander Holguin, 35, of 10 Green St. in North Reading, was arrested and charged with straight warrant and possession class A drugs.

Tuesday, December 25

1:25 a.m. - A 911 caller at Kevin Street reported he was unable to find his mother. Police sent. The mother was found and sent to the Saints Hospital.

8:02 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle outside of the house at Louis Road. Police sent and reported the parties were looking at the Christmas lights display.

8:50 p.m. - The caller heard voices downstairs at South Street. Police sent. The noise he was hearing was the low battery in his smoke

alarm.

9:45 p.m. - A 911 call stated a female was in an Uber and another vehicle was harassing her at Lucille Drive. Officer sent in the area. No one was seen in the area and no address was found.

Wednesday, December 26

6:26 a.m. - Police sent at Ames Hill Drive attempting to serve a warrant. Domenic Abreu, 38, of 62 High St. in Newburyport, was arrested and charged with a warrant for probation warrant.

5:27 p.m. - Two male parties came to the station reporting they received threatening messages from a former band member. Parties were spoken to.

9:50 p.m. - Police at International Place to assist. Ashley Schewd, 21, of 29 Meetinghouse Road in Merrimack, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for conspiracy to violate drug law.

Thursday, December 27

12:37 p.m. - Police responded at Motel 6 for a male party refusing to leave the

room. Michael Callanan, 42, of 40 Parkwood Dr. in Pepperell, was arrested and charged with trespassing, resist arrest, and threaten to commit crime.

12:49 p.m. - Police out at Ruskin Road attempting to serve two warrants. John Sullivan, 31, of 22 Ruskin Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession class B drugs.

7:45 p.m. - Loss Prevention from Walmart requested assistance with two shoplifters. Christine Welch, 46, of 650 Robbins Ave. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing. Jose Bonilla, 39, of 6 Hazel Square in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing and warrant for sex offender failure to register.

Friday, December 28

6:29 a.m. - Police sent at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Gary Smith, 55, of 103 Norway St. in Boston, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operating motor vehicle with suspended license.

11:36 a.m. - Male caller reported a male party exited was standing on the side of the roadway urinating then drove off around Brown Street. Officer checked the area, but gone on arrival. They spoke with the caller.

6:29 p.m. - Walmart Asset Protection called to report a fraudulent refund in progress. Daniel Grammar, 35, of 16 Strawberry Hill Road in Acton, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and possess class B drugs.

10:19 p.m. - A female party was knocking on the caller's door at Ames Hill Drive. She does not know the female. Police sent. The officer located the female; she knocked on the wrong door and she found the correct unit.

Saturday, December 29

9:42 a.m. - Male caller reported a white male was banging on his window with a stick at Main Street Liquor Store. Police sent. They gave the party a courtesy transport to his residence. Officer filed a report.

6:40 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for a violation at Home Depot. Vannen Pril, 24 of 57 Lincoln St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation.

9:41 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at River Road

and Thorndike Lane for speeding. Isais Castillo, 23, of 157 Arnett Boulevard in Rochester New York, was arrested and charged with operating motor vehicle with license suspended, false name to a police officer, three counts of a warrant license suspended, and speeding in violation special regulation.

9:50 p.m. - Police off at North 495 and Main Street with a motor vehicle accident. Nicholas Frankel, 26, of 58 Wilmet St. in Watertown, was arrested and charged with possession to distribute class B drugs, OUI drugs, negligent operation of motor vehicle, three counts of assault and battery on police officer, disorderly conducts, resist arrest, marked lanes violation, and possession class E drugs.

Sunday, December 30

8:39 a.m. - Male walked down Helvetia and Pleasant Street taking items from people front lawns. He pushed over trash. Officer sent with male and filed a report.

10:17 a.m. - Officers at Martel Lane in attempt to serve a warrant. Steven Reitano, 42, of 32 Martel Lane in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery on a 60+/disabled.



Wilmington Police Log

Tewksbury resident arrested for OUI - liquor

Monday, December 24:

12:21 p.m.: A Wirth Avenue resident reported that a rabid raccoon might have been in their trash. When the resident opened the barrel in the woods to release it, however, it was squirrels that ran off.

12:30 p.m.: Douglas Bevis, 28, of 14 Bloomingdale St. in

Chelsea was arrested for trespassing and malicious destruction of property valued under \$1,200. Police also found a warrant out for Bevis.

Tuesday, December 25:

4:20 p.m.: Police helped an elderly woman get back into her Deming Way home after she was locked out.

Wednesday, December 26:

12:03 p.m.: A Mack truck hit a parked and unoccupied Honda Pilot at Napa on Woburn Street. The Pilot remained in the parking lot until the owner had it towed after work.

1 p.m.: A Chevrolet Silverado struck an unoccupied

Nissan Altima in the parking lot of CVS on Main Street. The Silverado left the scene after the incident, but a witness was able to provide an approximate license plate and a description, including the damage to the vehicle's passenger side quarter panel.

7:40 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at Red

Heat Tavern on Lowell Street involving a Honda Accord and a Nissan Altima, one of which was parked. The driver of the other vehicle found the vehicle owner inside and exchanged information with them.

10:32 p.m.: After hitting a pole at the intersection of Robin Road and Salem Street, Patrick McCarthy, 38, of 120 Poplar St. in Tewksbury was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and marked lanes violation.

Thursday, December 27:

8:05 a.m.: A Fire Department medical vehicle transported one patient after a collision on Lowell Street involving a Honda Accord and a BMW M2. The airbags were deployed in the incident.

12:02 p.m.: The Fire Department evaluated one patient's condition after a collision at Art of the Event on Middlesex Avenue involving a blue Ford truck and a Chevrolet Impala. The patient did not require further medical attention.

9:01 p.m.: A blue pickup truck left a piece of its front wheel guard behind after hitting a fence, several trash barrels, and a sign denoting the end of a school zone. The barrels were not damaged and the damage to the fence was minimal.

Friday, December 28:

10:50 a.m.: Animal Control took an injured or possibly rabid raccoon found in front of Symbiotic on Research Drive to be euthanized.

3:41 p.m.: A Pontiac Grand Prix rear ended a Toyota Corolla on Burlington Avenue. No one was injured and the damage was minor.

5:08 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Dodge Durango and a Toyota Tundra occurred at the intersection of Shawshen Avenue and Aldrich Road. No one was injured in the collision.

Saturday, December 29:

10:24 p.m.: A woman struck her head on a windshield during a minor collision at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street involving a Hino truck and a Honda Accord. The woman did not require medical attention.

Sunday, December 30:

1:46 p.m.: The side mirror of a Nissan Maxima was broken while the vehicle was parked at Market Basket on Main Street.

1:49 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Shawshen Avenue involving a Chevrolet Silverado and a Ford Escape.

9:06 p.m.: A Honda Accord failed to stop at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street and struck a Ford Escape. The driver of the Accord was summonsed.

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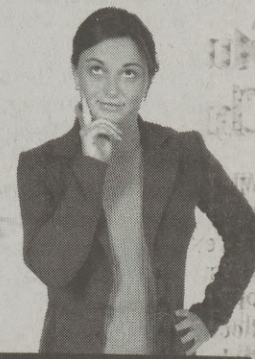
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Clockwise from top:

► Two huge bouncy houses were on hand for the budding young football and basketball players at the Pumpkin Fair.

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The Town of Wilmington Department of Planning and Conservation wishes to thank all those who volunteered at the annual Town Clean-Up Day. Approximately 30 people of all ages volunteered their time to help beautify the town's woods and wetlands by removing litter and debris on Town Conservation Land and parks. The focus this year was Town Forest, Town Park, Silver Lake, and Glen Road Berry Bog at Town Hall.

(Courtesy photo)

The family that Star Wars together... The Chavez Family, Bella, Gerard and Dave made an appearance at the Wilmington Halloween Parade.

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Pickleball players and persistent advocates Jim Buckley, left, and Tom Pazyra, right, ceremoniously cut the ribbon and played the inaugural game.

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Out-of-district student recommended for placement

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In response to a question from School Committee member Thomas Talbot, Brand clarified that an out of district student utilizing the program would be filling a spot that could otherwise be taken by a resident; however, for the program in question, enrollment is currently low enough that the district does

not anticipate this being an issue.

"Over the last five years or so, we've put so much time, energy, money into... addressing social (and) emotional needs of children, and I think it's fantastic that we have a program that another district is interested in taking part in," said School Committee member Stephen Bjork.

Signs of Suicide program to continue at Middle School

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Brand said.

One point of continuation at Wilmington Middle School will be the Signs of Suicide program, which was initiated during the 2017-2018 school year. According to Brand, a notice has been issued to parents indicating that the program will continue this year.

Brand characterized the program as "resource-based," and stated that "a number" of other schools in the area have also implemented it.

Based on the program description as presented by

Brand, the Signs of Suicide goals include fostering understanding that depression is treatable illness and that suicide is a preventable tragedy, training students on how to identify serious depression or suicide risk in themselves or each other, and providing youth with strategies and understanding regarding seeking help from adults.

"Again, I think it's terrific that we have this program here in Wilmington, and specifically at the Middle School, it is very, very important indeed," said Brand.

At top left:

◀ Dave Robertson, with campaign staff and supporters, celebrates his victory for the State Representative's seat left empty by Jim Miceli.

At bottom left:

◀ A few past and present "Good Guys" Mike and Dianna Di Gregorio, Chris Neville and Becky and Ed McGrath.

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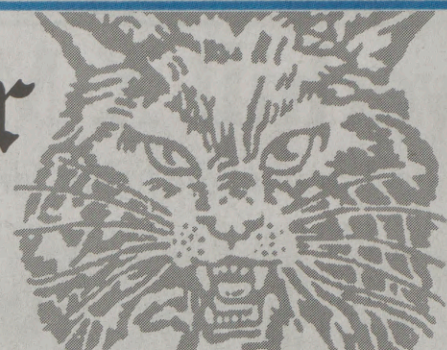
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Town Crier's 25th annual:

Male Athlete of the Year: Omar Eldaly

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BILERICA/WILMINGTON — In the 25-year history of the Wilmington Town Crier's Athlete of the Year Award, only time has the award gone to an athlete who did not attend Wilmington High School, with former three-sport Malden Catholic star Ryan Layton winning the award in 2001.

And in the 25-year history of the award between both the Tewksbury and Wilmington Town Crier, only one Shawsheen Tech Athlete, 1,000 point scorer Ashley Morgado in 2002, has ever won the award.

This year, however is different. Despite the usual number of great male athletes at Wilmington High and other surrounding schools and those competing in various colleges, one individual athlete from the town of Wilmington stood out among the rest for his outstanding accomplishments in this calendar year and that was Shawsheen Tech senior wrestler and football player Omar Eldaly.

Eldaly is coming off a wrestling season where back in March, as a junior, he was 46-4 including being crowned the State Voc Champion for the second straight year and the Division 1 North Sectional champ, while he went on and finished in second place in both the All New England and All-State Meets. In between he earned a third place finish at the Division 1 State Meet.

He concluded his season with a 2-2 performance at the National Meet held in Virginia, wrestling in the 195-pound weight class as opposed to his normal 220-class.

Throughout the season, Eldaly helped lead the Rams to CAC and State Voc Championship titles, as well as a third place finish at the Division 1 North Sectionals, a sixth place finish at the D1 State Meet and a 12th place finish at the All-State Meet.

At the conclusion of the season, he was named as a Boston Herald All-Scholastic and a Lowell Sun All-Star.

And Eldaly is off to an equally great, if not better start to his senior season, as he is off to a 20-0 start, and has captured the 220-pound

championship at both the Wilmington Sons of Italy Tournament, and this past week's George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament.

Besides the wrestling mat, he is also coming off what was shaping up to be an outstanding football season for the Rams until he suffered a sprained MCL in the seventh game of the season against Greater Lawrence. Despite missing the next three games before returning for the Rams Thanksgiving Day game, the star defensive tackle still finished fourth on the team in tackles with 55, along with one sack and one fumble recovery.

But beyond his outstanding exploits on the mats and on the gridiron Eldaly was also selected for this honor due to the high character he has displayed while accomplishing these feats.

"Omar is one of the highest quality kids I have ever coached," Shawsheen football coach and athletic director Al Costabile said. "With all things considered, not just on the field, not just in competitive situations, but in the locker room and in the school and in the community, he is just a tremendous young man."

MANY FIRSTS

During his interview for this story, Eldaly said that he has received tremendous support from his coaches and peers at Shawsheen, which has helped him develop as a person, student and an athlete. However, he added that there has been no greater form of support for him than his family at home starting with his parents.

His father Hamdy is from Egypt and his mother Goubida from Morocco and both are immigrants to the United States. Omar is the first in his family to be born in the United States and will likely be the first person in his family to attend college, at least if wrestling coaches around the country have anything to say about it.

Eldaly, who is the youngest of four children, clearly takes great pride in what he does on the wrestling mat or the athletic field, but there is no greater pride than that he takes in representing his family.

"Being first generation there is a lot of hope and expectations," Eldaly said.



The 2018 choice for the Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year is Shawsheen Tech senior Omar Eldaly, who excelled in wrestling and football. On the mat he finished 46-4, including being a two-time State Voc Champion, a two-time Division 1 North Sectional Champ, while taking third at the D1 State Meet and second at both the All-States and New England Meets. (file photo)

"I am the lucky one to be born in America. I now have to live up to those standards and I try to do a good job with that. My family has supported me so much with everything I do, so I have so much respect for them."

And as for that great work ethic that everybody is always praising Omar for, it is not too difficult to figure out where that came from.

"I learned so much from my parents," Eldaly said. "It is not easy for an immigrant to be as successful as someone who was born here. The morals and the work ethic they have taught me has been so important to me. If I was not a first generation American, I don't think I would be as successful as I have been."

RAW SKILL

It's interesting that wrestling would become Eldaly's No. 1 sport, because entering high school he had never wrestled before. His focus was solely on making himself the best football player he could be. But Shawsheen Wrestling coach Mark

Donovan, who is also an assistant coach with the Rams Football team, had seen something in Eldaly that made him stand out, namely a tremendous work ethic and a willingness to listen to coaching.

So, Donovan approached Eldaly about transferring some of his skills to the wrestling mat.

"I had played football freshman year, and then coach Donovan approached me and asked me to come out for wrestling," Eldaly said. "He saw that I was an athlete and he told me it would help keep me in shape for football. I wanted to be the best football player possible, so I thought I would give it a shot. And look what happened. I guess it turned out all right."

It most certainly did turn out all right for both Eldaly and the Rams, but not before some growing pains along the way during his freshman year. But Eldaly's athleticism and work ethic soon began to take over and by his sophomore year he was the Division 1 North sectional champion.

Still, after losing in the Division 1 States and not qualifying for All-States, he was anything but satisfied, and came back even stronger for his junior year, posting that 46-4 record this past 2017-18 season to go

along with his second place finishes at both All-States and New England.

"It didn't feel good to lose in states, and that just motivated me more than ever," Eldaly said. "I went to every tournament I could that off season and every practice. I just wanted to keep getting better and I was able to make a big jump last season."

CLIMBING THE LADDER

Eldaly made an incredible jump from his sophomore to junior season. Just as he was disappointed with not qualifying for All-States as a sophomore, he was also disappointed in himself for not winning the championship at All-State and New England as a junior.

His successful post-season run started in February when he won the State Voc Championship title for the second year in a row. After that, he captured the Division 1 North Sectional title, also for the second straight year. In the finals, he was tied with Chelmsford's Jack Flaherty, 1-1, before he executed a two-point takedown in overtime to come away with the dramatic, 3-1 win.

"I was taking tons of shots during the match, but I just couldn't finish, until I finally got him in overtime," Eldaly said to the Town Crier. "I

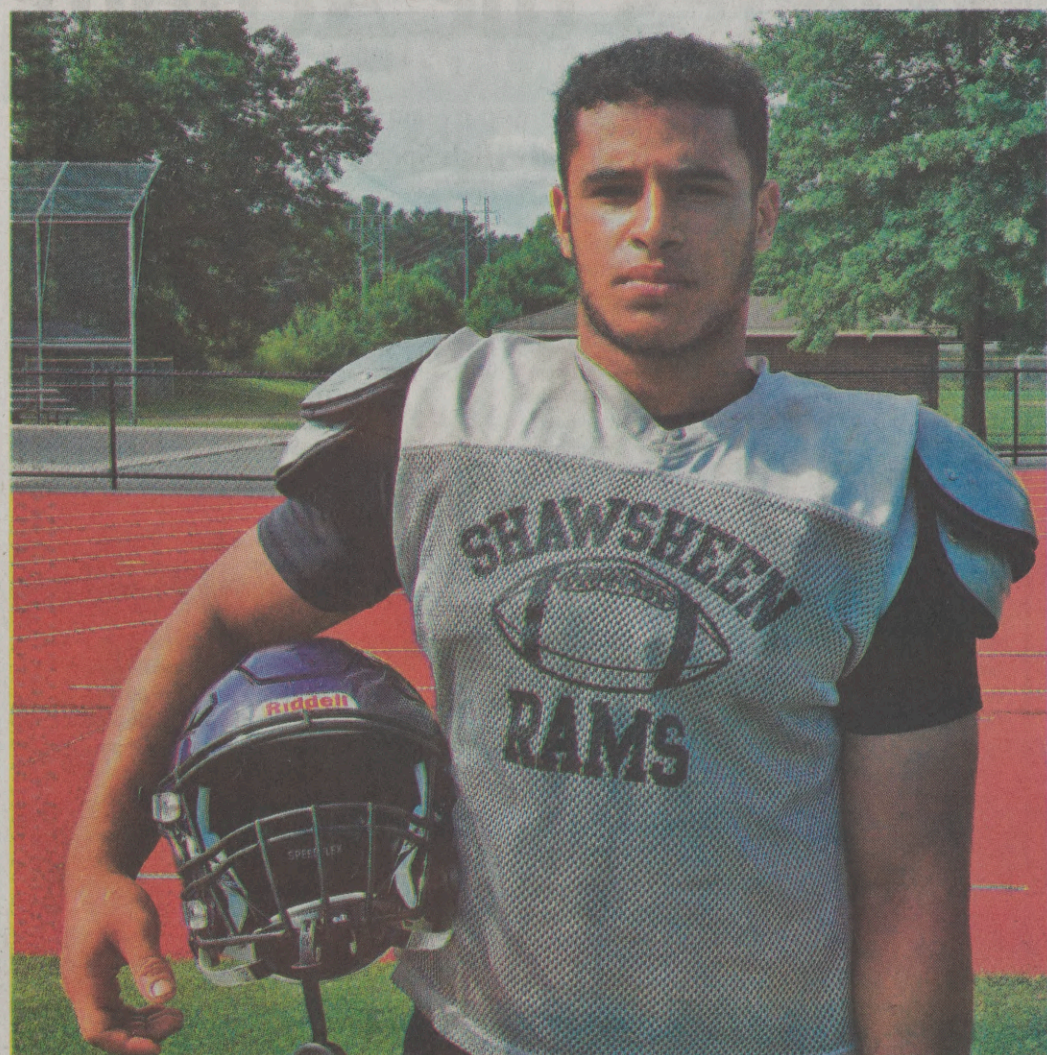
just felt going into the overtime that I can't lose, so I kept attacking and didn't give him a chance to attack and I was able to take him down."

A week later at the Division 1 State Meet, Eldaly won his first two matches, the first by a pin and the second was another intense challenge, a 6-5 decision over Nick Dodge of BC High. Those two wins propelled him into the semi-finals, where Eldaly was defeated by Putnam's Davyn Peterson, 7-5, before rallying back to win his final two matches of the day to take home a third place finish.

"It was a little bit of a let-down for him, especially because he lost to Peterson (who) he beat two weeks ago," Donovan said to the Town Crier. "It was a frustrating experience for him, but he has a great work ethic. I told Omar the story of Andrew Companschi back in 2012, who lost to a kid from Mansfield at the State Meet who had beaten earlier in the year and he was very disappointed. But he worked hard in practice and came back to win the All-State Meet. Omar has the talent to do the same thing."

Indeed Omar battled

ELDALY SP SP 8W



Omar Eldaly, this year's Wilmington Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year, missed four games for the Shawsheen Tech Football team this season, and still ranked fourth on the team in tackles. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Wildcats capture Haverhill X-Mas Tourney title

Top Coyle-Cassidy and then Chelmsford in the finals; First title since 2014

By JAMIE POTE
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HAVERHILL - After watching his team barely getting by in an ugly performance in the opening game of the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament with a 7-5, penalty fested win over Coyle-Cassidy, Wilmington High School boys' hockey coach wasn't sure what he would see in Friday night's championship game against a much improved Chelmsford Lions squad, who were coming off a pretty big tie with Waltham. Although the penalties were still a factor, mostly in the second period, the Wildcats captured their first Tournament Championship Palm Division title since the 2014-'15 season with a 4-1 victory over the Lions, who are coached by former Tewksbury High and Western New England star Kevin Leonard.

Wilmington struck twice in power play goals, while they held Chelmsford off the scoreboard on all four of its chances, and basically, that and a hard-nosed effort from the entire gang for all 45 minutes, helped lead the 'Cats to the two victories in this tournament, while upping the team's mark to 4-2-0.

Chelmsford got off to a 1-0 lead before the 'Cats scored the next four all by different players including Joe Hill, Jared Venezia, Conlin Duffy and Ryan Barrett. Barrett, who scored three goals in the win over C-C won the Palm Division MVP, the first for a Wildcat player since goalie Glenn Sullivan earned it back in that '14-'15 season.

"We clicked twice on the power play and we did a good job of killing off (the four)," said Scanlon. "Unfortunately we have gotten good at penalty kill. We are averaging 12 minutes per game in penalties. That's just under a period of hockey. It's ridiculous and sad to say that we are getting pretty good at it."

"The effort was good tonight," continued Scanlon. "We cleared (the penalties) up and it wasn't a factor in the third period. It's been an undoing for us. It just stops our momentum cold. We're playing well and boom we take a penalty and then we can't get the legs going again."

Wilmington got off to a slow start in this game as it appeared as if Chelmsford's forecheck and physical play was bothering the 'Cats. At the 2:28 mark, the Lions struck as Jake Harrison was at the right dot and gave a quick pass to his left to George Haywood, who snapped a quick one-timer past Anthony Cuozzo, for the team's lone goal of the game. Cuozzo was very strong, especially in the first period making 12 saves and was able to take a lot out of

play to force whistles and end some dominating minutes in the 'Cats end.

About two minutes after Chelmsford's goal, the 'Cats were able to kick it into another gear. It started when defenseman Mike Fiorenza sent a long pass behind the Lions' defensemen to Barrett, who came in alone and his quick shot from in tight was covered up.

Barrett continued to cause havoc and he grabbed the puck on a turnover inside the Lions' blue line and slid the puck across to linemate Andrew Sullivan and his quick shot bounced off the shoulder of goalie Drew Blodget (20 saves).

With less than five minutes to play in the period and still behind 1-0, Barrett again snuck behind their defensemen and received a long pass from defenseman Matt Pendenza, and this time Blodget stuffed Barrett on the breakaway try near the left side of the net.

About a minute after that, with the puck being controlled by the 'Cats, Venezia had the puck in the right hand corner and sent it out front and it deflected off the stick of Hill, and a leg of a Chelmsford player and into the net for a bang-bang goal, making it 1-1.

Hill kept up his strong play as his smart reactions of keeping a stomach-high puck inside the Chelmsford zone, led to what proved to be the game winning tally. After getting the puck back on the ice, Hill skated down the right side and slide a pass across to the low slot area where Venezia sent a backhand to the high top, opposite corner for the team's first PP goal, and more importantly make it 2-1, which stood through the second intermission.

At the tail end of a power play in the opening minutes of the third period, the 'Cats struck again. The team was working the puck around the perimeter when Pendenza was inside the top of the blue line off the far post. He received a pass from Conor Benoit, who had switched positions with right defenseman Duffy, who had skated into the right hand corner after a loose puck. Pendenza took the pass and fired one of his own, hard off the boards, in front of Duffy. The puck bounced back quick, and on a tough angle, Duffy fired a one-time slap shot to the inside left hand post for his first tally of the season, all the while making it a 3-1 game.

The 2:11 later, Barrett struck for his fourth goal in two games. He was stationed inside the 'Cats blue line when a loose puck squirted towards his direction. Both he and the Lions' defenseman went for it, and Barrett won the race, bounced a self-pass off to the left hand boards and picked it back up in the neutral zone, now with



The Wilmington High School Boys' Hockey team celebrated on the Veterans Rink Ice in Haverhill after defeating Chelmsford, 4-1, to capture the Palm Division Championship title of the annual Christmas Tournament. (courtesy photo).

a head of steam. As he did that, the second Chelmsford defenseman fell down and Barrett went in alone for the third time of the game, and this time went five-hole for the goal, making it 4-1.

"He's a good player," said Leonard about Barrett. "He's an aggressive player on break-out stuff and we knew that coming into this game. Once he sees that his team has possession (of the puck), he goes and he has the speed to go. That was definitely a cause for concern for us, so we definitely tried to keep an eye on him. He did end up getting a (goal and an assist) and he had a couple of other opportunities to score on breakaways, but he is certainly a dynamic player."

Scanlon agreed that Barrett certainly can be dangerous.

"We had a slow start, but then we got some timely goals. (Barrett) is crafty and he is a factor (in games) and (teams) are going to have to look out for him on the power play, the penalty kill and in regular shifts," said Scanlon.

Wilmington was able to hold off Chelmsford the rest of the way and come away with the program's sixth tournament championship dating back to the 2008-09 season. The previous five victories all came against North Andover in the '08-09', '09-10', '12-13', '13-14' and '14-15' seasons. Last year Wilmington lost to Coyle-Cassidy in the finals, and also lost to Haverhill and Marblehead in two other tournaments.

"This is a real good win over a real good team. It's been a while since we won this tournament," said Scanlon.

In the two wins, eleven different players registered at least one point with five dif-



Wilmington High forward Jared Venezia makes a pass for the Varsity Boys Hockey team during an earlier season home game. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

ferent players scoring at least one goal. On the season, the Wildcats have scored 24 goals in six games with eight different players notching at least one. Barrett leads with 10 goals and 3 assists, while Hill has 6 goals and 1 assist.

In the win over Coyle-Cassidy, Barrett and Joe Hill each had 3 goals, while Chris Spinazola had the other. Chris Robarge, Pendenza and Justin Crowley had 2 assists each, while, Zach Kincaid, Venezia, Duffy and Sullivan had 1 each.

"No, we did not play well against Coyle-Cassidy," answered Scanlon. "We just

outlasted them. Everytime we started to pull away, we took a penalty. Some of it has been over officiating but tonight (against Chelmsford) it wasn't. Those were earned penalties. But we've had a good month. If you looked at our schedule for the month of December and said they would come out 4-2, I think we would have taken it."

"We have some days off now and we will have three practices to fine-tune some stuff, and we're at home against Burlington, who seems to be struggling a bit right now. Hopefully we get a good crowd there."

After hosting Burlington

(2-4-0) for a 2:20 pm start on Saturday, the 'Cats will remain at home and host Wakefield (0-4-1) on Wednesday night for an 8:00 pm start. After that comes three games with the ML Liberty Division against Winchester (5-1-0), Arlington (2-1-1) and Lexington (3-5-0), before another swing with Freedom Division foes as well as four non-league games with Medford, Matignon, Shawsheen Tech and Tewksbury.

Wilmington is currently in second place in the league standings with a 2-2 record behind Melrose, who are at 3-0-1.

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	January 3	B/G Track	vs Billerica at BU	4:00 PM
Friday	January 4	V Girls Hoop	at Dracut	7:00 pm
Friday	January 4	V Boys Hoop	vs Dracut	7:00 pm
Saturday	January 5	V Wrestling	at Methuen Quad	10:00 am
Saturday	January 5	V Girls Hockey	vs Acton-Boxboro	5:00 pm
Saturday	January 5	V Boys Hockey	vs Boston Latin	7:40 pm
Tuesday	January 8	V Boys Hoop	at Billerica	7:00 pm
Tuesday	January 8	V Girls Hoop	vs Lawrence	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 9	V Girls Hockey	vs Lin-Sudbury	5:00 pm
Wednesday	January 9	V Wrestling	at Billerica	6:30 pm
Wednesday	January 9	V Boys Hockey	vs Lin-Sudbury	7:20 pm

Wilmington High Sports				
Friday	January 4	Boys/Girls Track	vs Stoneham at BU	4:30 pm
Friday	January 4	V Girls/Boys Hoop	at Stoneham	5:15/7 pm
Saturday	January 5	V Wrestling	at Cohasset Tourn	10:00 am
Saturday	January 5	V Girls/Boys Hockey	vs Burlington	12/2:20 pm
Monday	January 7	V Girls Hockey	at Arlington Catholic	8:00 pm
Tuesday	January 8	V Girls Hoop	at Winchester	6:00 pm
Tuesday	January 8	V Boys Hoop	vs Winchester	6:00 pm
Tuesday	January 8	Co-Ed Swimming	at Ham-Wenham GC	8:00 pm
Tuesday	January 8	V Girls Hockey	vs Wakefield	8:00 pm
Wednesday	January 9	V Wrestling	vs Watertown	6:00 pm
Wednesday	January 9	V Boys Hockey	vs Wakefield	8:00 pm

Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	January 3	Co-Ed Swimming	vs Gr. Lawrence	3:30 pm
Thursday	January 3	V Boys Hockey	vs Nashoba Tech	7:10 pm
Friday	January 4	V Boys Hoop	at Gr. Lawrence	3:30 pm
Friday	January 4	V Girls Hoop	vs Gr. Lawrence	5:30 pm
Saturday	January 5	V Wrestling	at Minnchaug	10:00 am
Saturday	January 5	V Boys Hockey	at Essex Tech	12:00 pm
Monday	January 7	V Girls Hockey	at Norwood	4:00 pm
Monday	January 7	V Boys Hoop	at Lynn Tech	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 9	V Girls Hockey	at St. Joe's Prep	3:00 pm
Wednesday	January 9	V Wrestling	vs Lawrence	7:00 pm



Wilmington High forward Zachary Kincaid moves forward away from a Belmont player during an earlier season home contest. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

WHS Girls Hockey now 2-4-1

On the ice, 'Cats split pair of non-league games

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WILMINGTON — Coming off its six-goal outburst including four in the third period the day before, the Wilmington High School girls' hockey team was hoping to carry that offensive momentum into Saturday's home season-opener against another non-league opponent in Brookline.

However, the 'Cats struggled to put anything together on a consistent level and were defeated by the Warriors, 1-0, at the Ristuccia Arena.

The 1-1 week puts Wilmington at 2-4-1 overall, and the 'Cats will be off for a week before hosting Burlington on Saturday.

In the loss to Brookline, certainly the effort and the energy were there, but the Warriors were a bit quicker to the puck. The lone goal came in the third period on a scurry at the right hand circle and through a screen, Ana Driscoll tapped the game winning shot home, coming with 10:11 left in the game.

"(We played) OK. I think possessing the puck was a problem for us today," said head coach John LaPiana. "We coughed it up a lot in our own end, in the first period, I think 15 times. It decreased as the game went on because we addressed it, but it's an accumulative effect — zone time, shots on net, traffic around the net, pucks around the net and eventually something is going to happen and it did when they scored that goal."

The teams were scoreless through the first two periods. Brookline held a signif-

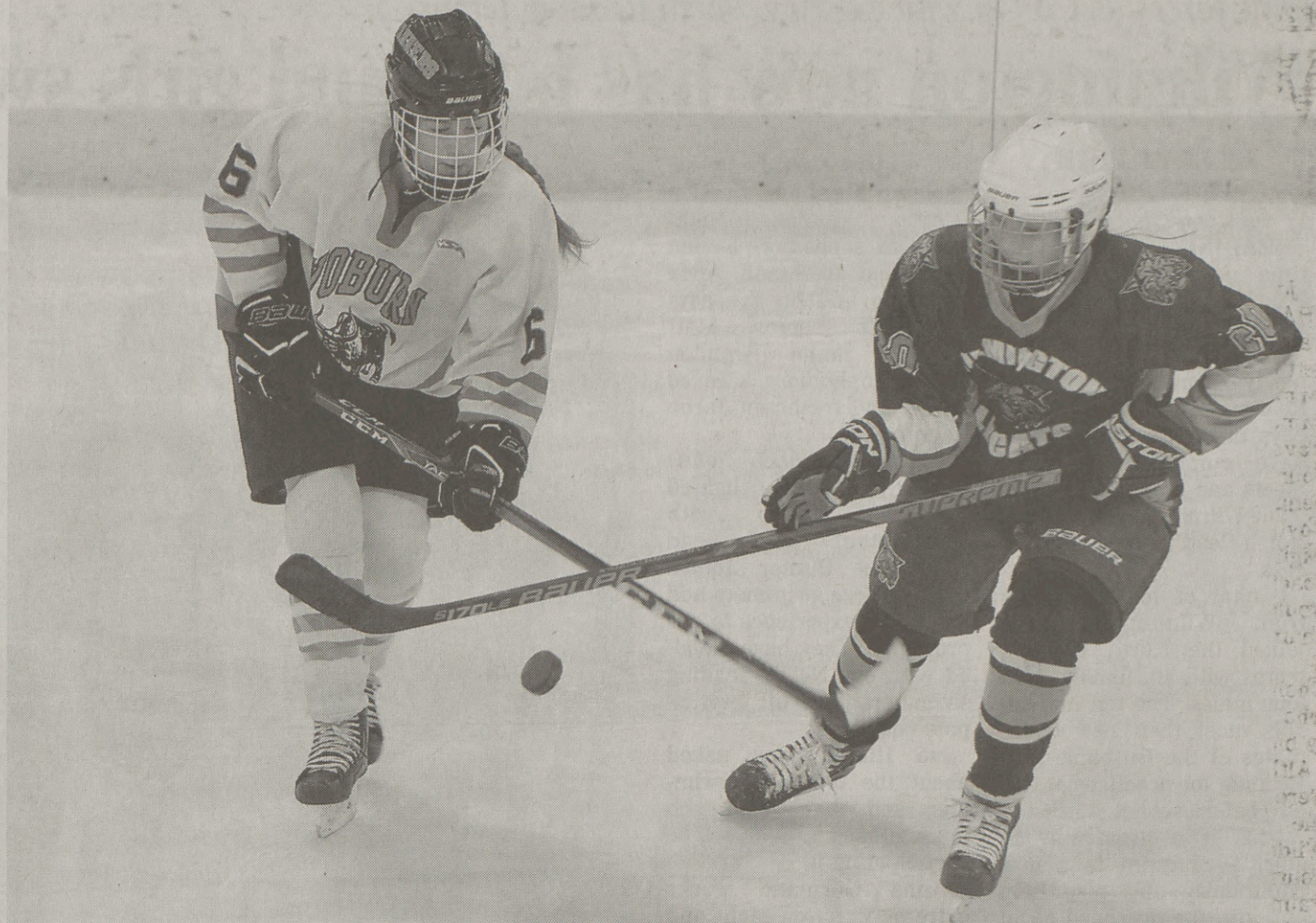
icant edge of play in the second, holding an 11-3 advantage in shots, which included a 5-on-3 for about 70 seconds but was killed off by Lia Kourkoutas along with defensemen Molly Foley and Jocelyn Palmer, before Ida Bishop got on the ice to help kill off the second penalty.

With 5:03 left in the period, the 'Cats went on the power play and couldn't get much going until the tail end of it when Gabriella Daniels put on a nice backhand which was stopped by goalie Caroline Davis.

After giving up 11 shots in the second, the Wilmington defense really clamped down in the third period, giving up just three shots, and mostly keeping the Warriors' forwards to the outside.

"We work on defending inside the dots, everybody does that, but we work on that," said LaPiana. "We work on layers in our own end, so if they get past our first defender, there's a second defender there with a stick or a shin pad, a skate or something that interrupts the flow to getting to the net. That's not working bad but then when we get the puck down low in our end beyond the goal line, you could see that we were rimming it around, the wings weren't getting to the wall so effectively, the play becomes a pass to their defenseman. The wingers number one job is to not let the defense generate any kind of offense."

Wilmington had several decent scoring bids in the final ten minutes including Gina Bertolami's wrist shot right off the face-off, Palmer on a shot from the point and Payton Fuller with a low



Wilmington's Gabriella Daniels fights for the puck with Woburn's Aly Haggerty during an earlier season WHS Girls Varsity Hockey game. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras)

shot from the slot area which was also saved.

The 'Cats pulled goalie Melanie Hayden with about 45 seconds left for the extra skater but couldn't really possess the puck in the Warriors' end.

"We had a couple of flurries around the net late out of desperation type of thing," said LaPiana. "We had a couple of chances (to score) in the first period, not so much in the second, and then a few chances in the third. We're struggling in the offensive zone."

"(On Friday) we had a good offensive day but that was an (exclusion) game (which doesn't count towards state tournament points). We are happy to get that win, but we're struggling in the (offensive) zone so we are working on playing in front of the dots, behind the (goal) line, moving the puck into the slot in

the dangerous area. We will find the net, it's just a matter of moving the goalie from post-to-post."

In Thursday's 6-1 win over Ursuline Academy, the 'Cats had a one-goal lead after the second period before erupting with four goals in the third.

"It was a big third period," said the coach. "We went into the locker room ahead 2-1 after the second and we could feel it as we were close all game, we just weren't getting that zip or that jump to the puck. We weren't necessarily getting to pucks first with good opportunity and in the third period that changed a little."

Kourkoutas and Kaitlyn Haily both scored two goals each, while, Bishop and Zoe DeRose had one each. Foley, Hayden, Bishop, Antonia Brunetto, Kylie Flynn, Sofia Brunetto and Amanda Mercier had one assist each.

Wilmington will have a very busy schedule upcoming starting with a home game Saturday afternoon against Burlington (0-7-1), and then a road game on Monday night against

Arlington Catholic (2-5-0) and then a home game on Tuesday night against Wakefield (2-2-1) at 8:00 pm.

Walsh named to All-USA New Hampshire First Team

Two local football players and two local football coaches were honored this past week. Wilmington resident Chris Walsh, a junior at Tilton School in New Hampshire, was named to the All-USA New Hampshire First Team as an offensive lineman. The 6-foot-5, 310-pound tackle/guard, was also named to the NEPSAC Class C first team.

Tewksbury Memorial High School junior Shane Aylward was named to the All-USA

Massachusetts second team as a wide receiver. Both Shane and his father, coach Brian Aylward, were also named as Boston Globe All-Scholastics, with Brian named as the Division 3 Coach of the Year.

Bob Almeida, who led Stoneham to the Division 6 Super Bowl Championship, was named the Globe's Division 6 Coach of the Year. He previously was the head coach at Wilmington High School.

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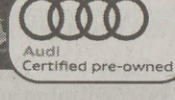
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Joins forces as Co-Op with existing North Reading teams

Wilmington now has boys and girls swimming programs

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READING - For the first time in school history, Wilmington High School has a swim team.

For the past few weeks, the newly merged North Reading/Wilmington Co-Op boys and girls swim teams have competed in three meets and many individuals from Wilmington as well as North Reading enjoying success.

A total of ten swimmers from Wilmington have joined the North Reading teams with six females and four males. The ten individuals meet their new teammates at the Burbank Y in Reading for practices at 5:00 am, before school starts.

"This is a great way to start a program in a new community and also help out with the overhead of an expensive sport in an existing town," said North Reading Athletic Director Dave Johnson. "I believe that swimming is an excellent sport to have in the Athletic Department 'menu' of opportunities for high school athletes. It teaches lifelong skills and can be a part of the athlete's daily routine life."

Wilmington and North Reading had been rivals when the Wildcats were in the Cape Ann League, and now play occasionally in pre-season scrimmages or state tournament games. This Co-Op venture is approved for this year and next (year) and my hope is to have it together until Wilmington can branch out on its own."

A total of 34 swimmers make up the team, including the ten from Wilmington which include on the female

side seniors Cassidy Reese, Ashlynn Finn and Jessica D'Arco, junior Nikki Ekstrom, sophomore Emma Ryan and freshman Anna Germano and on the boys side it's senior Matt Thomas, junior Brandon Moy, sophomore Jared Benoit and freshman Jacob Haerer.

"(Assistant coach John) Hunter (and I) are delighted by the Co-Op with Wilmington," said head coach Sue Hunter, John's wife. "These swimmers add depth and experience to our program. They have blended with our North Reading swimmers and all participate equally."

Sue Hunter was asked about the ten local swimmers and what events each of them have been or will be participating in.

"Anna Germano works extremely hard each and every time she gets in the pool. She volunteered for the 500 freestyle and swam it at our very first meet," said Hunter, before moving on to the other five females, "Cassidy Reese also works very hard. She is partial to the breaststroke but has knowledge of all the strokes and is now working hard on conditioning."

"Nikki Ekstrom came out (for the team) about three weeks into the season and has worked hard to catch up. She will swim some backstroke while she works on the other strokes but for now will swim sprint freestyle. Ashlynn Finn has a great attitude and works very hard. She is primarily a sprint freestyler."

"Jessica D'Arco is familiar with all strokes and swam an (individual medley) in a recent meet (all 4 strokes). She is swimming mostly



This winter marks the first time that WHS has offered boys and girls swimming as part of a Co-Op with North Reading. The nine locals gathered together after competing in a non-league meet against Austin Prep held last Friday at the Burbank Y. The group includes from left, Emma Ryan, Cassidy Reese, Jessica D'Arco, Anna Germano, Brandon Moy, Jacob Haerer, Jared Benoit, Matt Thomas and Nikki Ekstrom. (photo by Nicole Goodhue Boyd).

freestyle sprint right now. She is a hard worker and I expect she will see vast improvement during the season. Emma Ryan can swim any event at any time. She is already a member of the state qualifying relay team and I expect she will also qualify in individual events. She is a club swimmer but this is her first year on a high school team."

Currently, the girls' team is 1-2 with a season opening win over Lynnfield before falling to Newburyport and then Austin Prep in a non-league meet.

On the boys' side, Hunter has four from Wilmington

who have added depth to the program after finishing 2-4 last year, but are 0-3 thus far this season.

"Jacob Haerer has a fantastic attitude and great work ethic. He has already swum a variety of events and gets better every time he gets in the pool," said Hunter. "Brandon Moy has swimming experience and has mastered the most technically challenging strokes - the breaststroke. He is working on conditioning while he swims sprint freestyle."

"Jared Benoit is a most useful member of the team as he will try any event and

excels at many (events). He is working on his conditioning, but has already swum the Individual medley and breaststroke multiple times while adding some sprint freestyle to the mix. (And) Matt Thomas came (to us) from (the WHS Basketball program) to give swim a try and has raw talent. He is working on some of the technical challenges (starts and turns) while getting into condition."

Nearly a month into the season and the merge, Hunter said the ten Wilmington kids have brought so much to the program already.

"Some of the swimmers are in the band - Jared, Jess, Brandon, and Jacob," she said. "Swimmers are usually excellent students and involved in many activities. These (Wilmington) student-athletes are no exception."

The North Reading/Wilmington boys and girls swim teams practice and hold home meets at the Reading Burbank Y. The teams are back in action with an away meet on Tuesday against Hamilton-Wenham, and will return home on Friday, January 11th against Manchester-Essex beginning at 8:00 pm.

Girls team dives in with an early season victory over Lynnfield

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READING - The first-year North Reading/Wilmington Co-Op girls' swim team has started out the season with a 1-2 record, winning the first meet of the season against Lynnfield, before falling to Triton Regional and Austin Prep, the last a non-league meet.

Here are the results from the three meets.

VS LYNNFIELD

In the team's season opening 88-79 win back on December 7th, Wilmington's Emma Ryan made an immediate impact with the team as she was on two events, including the 200-yard IM at 2:31.01 and the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:00.05.

Others who captured first places included North Reading residents Oli Grabar in both the 200-yard freestyle (2:16.58) and 100-yard butterfly (1:06.29), while captain Molly Feffer took both the 50-yard freestyle (27.86) and the 100-yard freestyle (1:03.93).

Other individual highlights came from Wilmington residents Ashlynn Finn, who

was clocked at 1:28.61 in the 100-yard freestyle and freshman Anna Germano, who took fifth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 9:41.02.

Besides the individuals, three relay teams also had success, all qualifying for the Division 2 North Sectional Meet. The 200-yard medley team of Kristina Valenti, Melanie Feffer, Oli Grabar and Molly Feffer combined for a time of 2:03.74, while, North Reading swimmers Nicole Steinmeyer, Brianna Saunders-Correa and Melanie Feffer joined Ryan to finish at a combined time of 1:55.13 in the 200-yard freestyle medley relay.

Then it was Grabar, Valenti, Molly Feffer and Ryan who finished at 4:14.58 in the 500-yard freestyle, also good enough to qualify for the sectional meet to be held later next month.

Other Wilmington swimmers who competed in this meet included Ashlynn Finn, Jessica D'Arco and Anna Germano in the 50-yard freestyle, while senior Cassidy Reese competed in both the 50 and part of a 200-yard freestyle relay team.

VS TRITON

On December 20th, the NR/Wilmington girls' team fell to Triton Regional, 60-33 which at the time put the team's record to 1-1.

Things started off strong for the team with first and third places in the 200-yard medley relay race with the team of Valenti, Melanie and Molly Feffer along with Grabar, who took first, and then the team of North Reading swimmers Christina Lasdin, Hannah Lord, Madeline Rutherford and Kelly Crossan were third.

Several of those swimmers also took part in multiple individual events. Molly Feffer was second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 200-yard freestyle; Valenti was second in the 50-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard backstroke; Grabar was second in the 100-yard butterfly with a sectional qualifying time of 1:06.25 and she was also third in the 200-yard IM.

Other highlights included North Reading swimmers Nicole Steinmeyer and Kelly Crossan finishing third in the 100 breaststroke and 500-freestyle, while Steinmeyer, along with Melanie Feffer,

Brianna Saunders-Correa and Christina Lasdin were second in the 200-yard freestyle relay, and Grabar, Steinmeyer, Molly Feffer and Valenti qualified for the sectionals with a second place finish and a time of 4:14.78.

Also competing in the exhibition heats of the 50-yard freestyle included North Reading swimmers Caroline Belinowiz, Christina Lasdin, Joleen Weiss, Hannah Lord, Madeline Rutherford, Mary Regan, Rebecca Curry, Erin Davis Paige Rosenthal, Kiera Lord, Hae-Jung Kim, and Caroline Schladenhaffen as well as Wilmington swimmers Jessica D'Arco, Ashlynn Finn, Cassidy Reese, Anna Germano and a new swimmer, junior Nicole Ekstrom.

VS AUSTIN PREP

Last Friday, the NR/Wilmington girls' team competed against Austin Prep in a non-league meet and were just edged out by a score of 89-81 to fall to 1-2 on the season (1-1 in the league).

The meet started out strong as the 200-yard medley relay team of Wilmington's Emma Ryan with Valenti, Grabar and

Molly Feffer qualified for the state meet with a combined time of 2:01.87 to take first place. In the same event, the team of North Reading swimmers Saunders-Correa, Melanie Feffer, Steinmeyer and Crossan finished third. Steinmeyer and Crossan also finished second and fourth in the 200-yard IM.

Ryan was also first in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:08.46 and was followed by Steinmeyer, who was third. Ryan then joined Valenti, Molly Feffer and Melanie Feffer with a first place finish in the 200-yard freestyle race, which was also good to qualify for the state meet.

Also, Ryan placed second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:13.66, while Molly Feffer was third.

Valenti led a sweep in the 100-yard breaststroke finishing at 1:18.43 and was followed by Melanie Feffer at 1:24.56 and Kelly Crossan in 1:29.52. Valenti also took second in the 200-yard freestyle.

Other highlights included a first place finish by Madeline Rutherford in both the 50 and the 100-yard IM. Caroline Schladenhaffen and Paige Rosenthal were second and third in the 50,

with Wilmington swimmers Anna Germano (39.66) and Nikki Ekstrom (49.04) also competing.

Wilmington's Jessica D'Arco was second in the 100 with a time of 1:30.10 and was followed by North Reading's Hae-Jung Kim and Kiera Lord, who were third and fourth. Grabar was second in the 50-yard freestyle at 28.39.

Christina Lasdin was also fourth in the 200-freestyle and fifth in the 50-freestyle. In the 100-yard freestyle, Molly and Melanie Feffer were first and second, with Mary Regan and Hannah Lord, right behind to make it an all North Reading clan.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Christina Lasdin, Nicole Steinmeyer, Brianna Saunders-Correa, and Oli Grabar qualified for the North Sectional meet with a time of 4:21.74, and a third place finish.

Also competing on the day in the 100-yard breaststroke included Kiera Lord at 1:44.63, Hae-Jung Kim at 1:48.44, Hannah Lord at 1:50.49, Mary Regan at 1:52.39, and Wilmington High senior Cassidy Reese at 1:54.74.

Nine-member boys team defeated in three close meets

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READING - The first North Reading/Wilmington boys' swim team, comprised of just nine swimmers, including four from Wildcat Country, have started out of the gates with three meets, falling to Lynnfield/Wakefield 79-55, Triton Regional, 51-37, and then to Austin Prep, 82-66, in a non-leaguer held Friday at the Burbank Y in Reading.

The team consists of North Reading residents, juniors Griffin May and Brandon DeCleene, as well as sophomores Henry Pelmas, Jonathan Belinowiz and Christopher Mangano. The

four Wilmington residents include newly added senior Matt Thomas with sophomores Jared Benoit and Brandon Moy, along with freshman Jacob Haerer.

"I was pleased with the first effort," said head coach Sue Hunter. "The boys are coming along. We are pleased to have the Wilmington team join us as it adds depth and experience on the girls side and numbers and experience to the boys team. We have lots of room for improvement as we seek to get our technique going and our endurance at a better level."

Starting with the three relay teams, NR/W took second in the 200-yard freestyle

and third in both the 200-yard IM and 400-yard freestyle. In the 200-freestyle, it was May, Haerer, Pelmas and Mangano who had a combined time of 2:05.17. In the 200-yard medley, it was May, Belinowiz, Benoit and Moy, and the 400-freestyle was Pelmas, Mangano, Benoit and Moy with a combined time of 4:52.33.

As for individual results, in the 500-freestyle, Mangano was first at 7:12.44 and was followed by Haerer, who was second at 8:49.42. Mangano was also fourth in the 200-freestyle, and Haerer was fifth in the 50-freestyle.

May was third in the 50-

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Wilmington's Nikki Ekstrom competes in the 400 freestyle for the newly formed North Reading/Wilmington Girls swim team during Friday's non-league meet against Austin Prep held at the Burbank YMCA in Reading. (Photo by Nicole Goodhue Boyd).

Swim teams under the direction of Coach Sue Hunter and her assistant and husband, John

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READING - The newly formed North Reading/Wilmington boys and girls swim teams are headed up by Sue Hunter, who has a long history in the sport, between being an outstanding athlete herself in both high school and college, and is now in her seventh year as the head coach of the winter program.

Hunter grew up in

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and was the captain of her swim team. She went on to swim at Boston University and graduated in 1978. During her career, she broke the program record in the 400-meter freestyle, but the following year the event was dropped and changed to the 500-meter freestyle, thus her record has stood for over 40 years, according to the North Reading Patch.

It was during her days as a collegiate athlete, where Sue

met her husband John, a swimmer on the BU men's team, who is her assistant coach with the NR/Wilmington swim teams.

"We met at swim practice at Boston University in the 1970's and have been married for 37 years," she said.

The couple have one daughter, Alex, who was an outstanding swimmer at both Reading High School and Boston University. She helped lead the Rockets to a

Division 1 North Sectional Championship title during her senior year, and then moved onto BU and had an outstanding career including her junior season finishing 13th in the 500-freestyle and 16th in the 200-freestyle during the America East Championship Meet.

In 2012, the first year of the North Reading program, Sue Hunter was named the Cape Ann League's Coach of the Year.

Besides being the head coach of the now formed NR/Wilmington boys and girls teams, she is also the assistant coach of the Reading High School boys team and last year she was honored as the Eastern

Mass Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association's Assistant Coach of the Year.

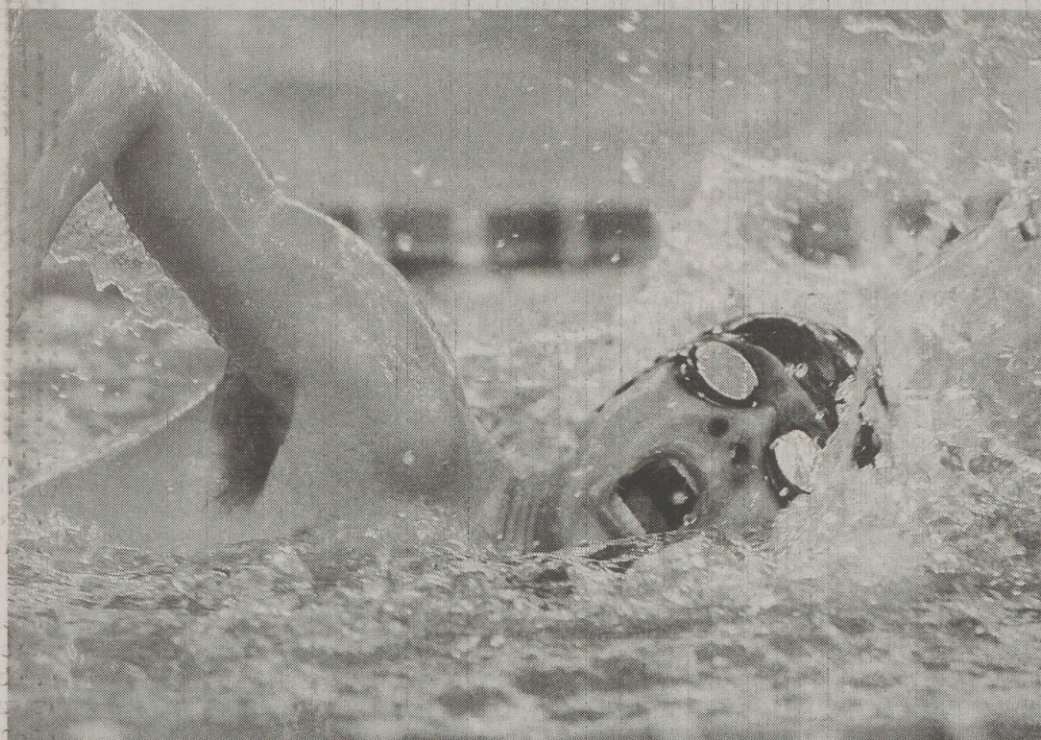
"I feel these awards belong to the swimmers as without them there would be no accolades," she said.

Besides her coaching gigs, Hunter is also employed as a full-time lifeguard/water aerobics instructor at the Burbank Y, is a swim official for the MIAA and works with the Burbank Y Swim Team, while her husband also has a full-time job in printing sales.

For Sue, her days start at 3:30 am, continues to where she meets the members of the North Reading and Wilmington swim team for

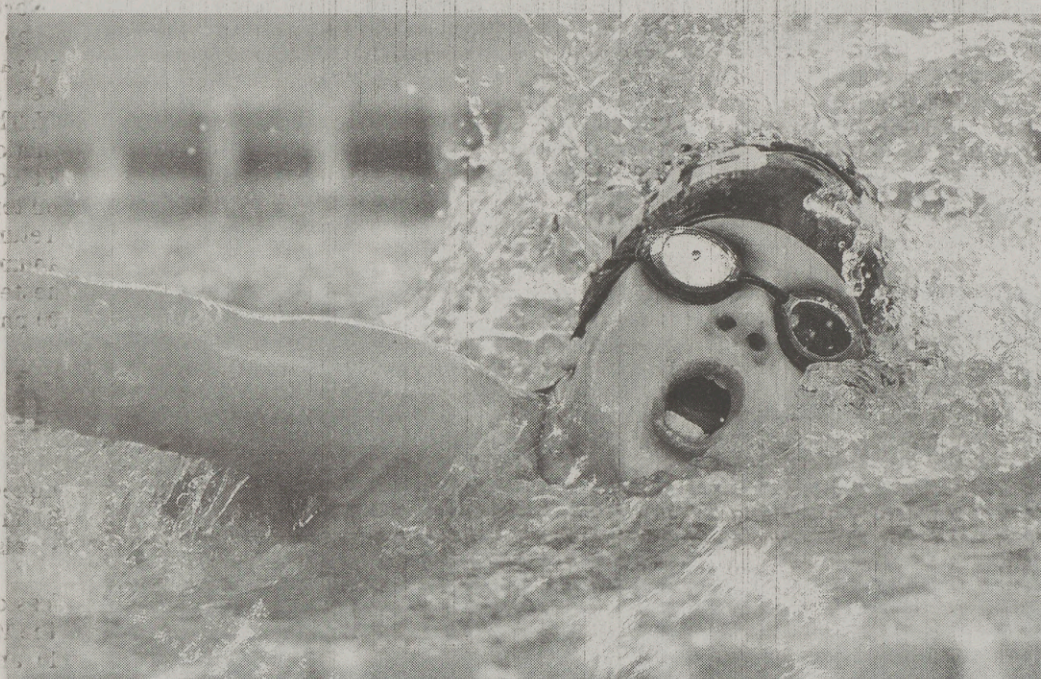
practice at 5:00 am, and carries throughout the entire day and into the early evenings, including practices with the Reading Boys team.

"Between 12 and 12:30 I'm done, go home, let the dog out, usually take a 20-minute nap and then come back to the pool. If I'm really tired I feel like I'm letting down the boys," she said to the North Reading Patch before being asked by the same publication about the tough winter season grind, "The kids really keep you going. That's what you're there for. If you remind yourself that a few times you're ok."



The newly formed North Reading/Wilmington Boys Swim program includes four locals from Wilmington with senior Matt Thomas and below Jacob Haerer competing during the team's non-league loss to Austin Prep held Friday afternoon at the Burbank YMCA in Reading.

(photos by Nicole Goodhue Boyd)



Nine-member boys team defeated in close meets

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freestyle with a personal best time of 28.68 seconds and was also fifth in the 100-backstroke at 1:23.54. Pelmas finished third with a personal best 1:05.90 in the 100-freestyle and was also fourth in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:20.99. Moy was third in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:32.26) with Jonathan Belinowiz taking fifth, and Jared Benoit was also fifth in the 100-freestyle at 1:11.12.

VS TRITON

In this meet, North Reading/Wilmington was defeated by Triton, 51-37. The team received a nice boost with the addition of Wilmington High senior Matt Thomas, who wanted to try competition in the pool, rather than the basketball courts as well as DeCleene, who was absent from the first meet.

"Thomas is an athlete and I expect to see rapid improvement," said head coach Sue Hunter.

Starting with the relays, the 200-yard medley - which consists of all four competitive strokes and begins with the backstroke, followed by the breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle - was second with a time of 2:22.37 behind the efforts of May, Moy, Mangano and Haerer.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team were terrific as a group, finishing under the two-minute mark at 1:57.72, thanks to DeCleene, May, Benoit and Pelmas.

The third and final relay team, the 400-freestyle finished at 4:29.59 with DeCleene, Benoit, Mangano, and Pelmas.

Pelmas was also second in the 200-yard freestyle at 2:25.53 with DeCleene right

behind in third at 2:27.10. Pelmas was also third in the 100-yard freestyle.

Haerer had a very busy day as he also competed in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 8:59.86, and competed in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing behind May, who was second at 1:20.23.

Benoit and Moy finished first and second in the 100-yard breaststroke with times of 1:25.85 and 1:28.35, respectively and finally, Mangano took second in the 500-freestyle at 6:48.89.

VS AUSTIN PREP

There were many highlights in this one starting with the 50-freestyle with Mangano finishing third with a personal best time of 29.04, followed by Moy in fourth at 29.68 and Thomas in fifth, scoring his first varsity point with his finish of 29.68 seconds.

Mangano also took a very impressive 17 seconds off his previous best time in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 6:30.86. He also joined May, Belinowiz and Thomas to a third place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. May was also second in the 100-yard backstroke with Jared Benoit right behind with a third place. He was also fourth in the 200-IM, finishing behind DeCleene, who was third. DeCleene finished inbetween Pelmas, who was second and Haerer, who was fifth in the 100-yard freestyle. Pelmas and Haerer were third and fourth in the 200-freestyle.

As for the relay teams, the 200-freestyle group of DeCleene, Benoit, May and Pelmas not only finished first, but lowered their time to 1:54.90. Belinowiz, Haerer, Thomas and Moy finished

third in the same event.

Finally in the 400-freestyle, Mangano, Pelmas, DeCleene and Benoit were second at 4:31.43 and Thomas, Haerer, Belinowiz and Moy were third at 5:35.13.

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FRAMINGHAM -- It was a mixed bag of results for the Wilmington High Wrestling team last Friday at the Framingham Holiday Tournament, which was held at Framingham High School.

On the positive side, the Wildcats finished 13th out of 24 teams at the tournament which featured some very good teams from Eastern and Central Massachusetts, missing out on 12th place by just three points. Host Framingham dominated the field to win the tournament with 232 points.

On the other hand, the Wildcats were left wanting a little more, after a fifth place finish in the same tournament last year. Wilmington head coach Joel McKenna was happy to see his team place four wrestlers in the top eight of

their weight class, but he, like his athletes, knows that there were more points to be had.

"We saw some good stuff, but there are still some things to improve upon," McKenna said. "That was the big takeaway for us. Some kids did really well for themselves, but some others left feeling a little disappointed with their performance. But those who did leave disappointed know what they have to do to improve."

One of those wrestlers who did very well for himself was sophomore Shane Penney at 120 pounds, who went 3-1 on the day and earned a second place finish in his weight class. Penney dominated his opponent in each of his three victories, beating Nick Crupi of Ashland in the round of 16 with a pin at the 1:02 mark, before beating Sam Johnston of Marlboro in the

quarterfinals in just 40 seconds and Anthony Graves of Natick in just 50 seconds in the semifinals.

Penney would fall just a little short of his ultimate goal of winning his weight class, falling in the finals to Carlos Terrinha of Milford in a time of 4:38, but it was still a very productive day for the young grappler.

"Shane wrestled very well. He was very competitive throughout the day," McKenna said. "It was another step in the right direction for him after finishing fourth here last year. The kid he beat in the semis from Natick was a sectional finalist last year, and he beat some other quality opponents as well."

"His opponent in the finals just had a little more juice left. We were happy, but we hope he is not satisfied. He has been a finalist before,

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Wildcats continue to move forward on the track

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BOSTON - The Wilmington High School Girls Indoor Track-and-Field team fell to 0-3 on the season with a 59-41 loss to Wakefield held last Thursday at Boston University.

The Wildcats have two regular season meets left with league foes Stoneham this Friday and Watertown on January 18th with hopes of coming away with at least one dual meet win.

Although the 'Cats were defeated in this latest meet, there were once again positive signs that the program is heading in the right direction.

"We knew Wakefield is a tough team and if Melrose beats Wakefield like they should, they will be league

champs," said Wilmington head coach Brian Schell. "I will say though, that it was a lot closer than I thought it would be which again shows great signs of our team rebuilding."

"Like Burlington did to us, Wakefield also had to push kids into double and triple events that they never would have done (in previous years). With the new 2-and-1 rule, it is definitely something we will have to train for now going forward."

The meet came down to first places as Wilmington won just three of the events, the 600 and both of the relays. The 'Cats did pick up six second places and seven third places which was significant with the individuals progressing.

Senior captain Emma Garrity, who missed the last

two weeks with a sprained ankle, didn't miss a beat as she took the 600-meters with a time of 1:43.28, which qualified her for the Division 4 Eastern Mass Meet next month.

"It was good to see her back on the track and getting a good race in," said Schell. "I know it has been a tough two weeks for her and was itching to get back out there and she made the best of it. Her splits were solid, we just need to work on that 500-meter mark next. She also ran the anchor leg for the 4x400 with a 61 second split. Overall, it is almost as if she has never missed a step."

Garrity joined Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo, Maggie Bourgeois and Katie McLaughlin to win the 4x400 with a time of 4:25.98.

The other first place came from the 4x200 relay team of Amber Flynn, Anna Rideout, Hannah LaVita and Kiki Barnum, who had a combined time of 2:00.7.

In addition, LaVita was second in the high jump with a personal record leap of 5-2.

"Coach (Joe) Patrone continues to work well with the high jump crew and Hannah has been consistent every week," said Schell. "According to Patrone, she even had three great attempts at 5-4 and I am sure with more tries she will get there. She also was the third leg for the 4x200 relay with a 29 second split and breaking 30 seconds for the first time. It is awesome to see her hard work paying off and to continue being consistent."

Bourgeois and McLaughlin

also picked up three additional points with second places. Bourgeois had a personal record time of 1:50.16 in the 600-meters and McLaughlin also had a personal record mark of 14-7 in the long jump.

Other seconds were earned by Gianna Misuraca in the mile (6:04.94), Amanda Broussard in the 300 (45.48) and Amie Russell in the shot put (29-4).

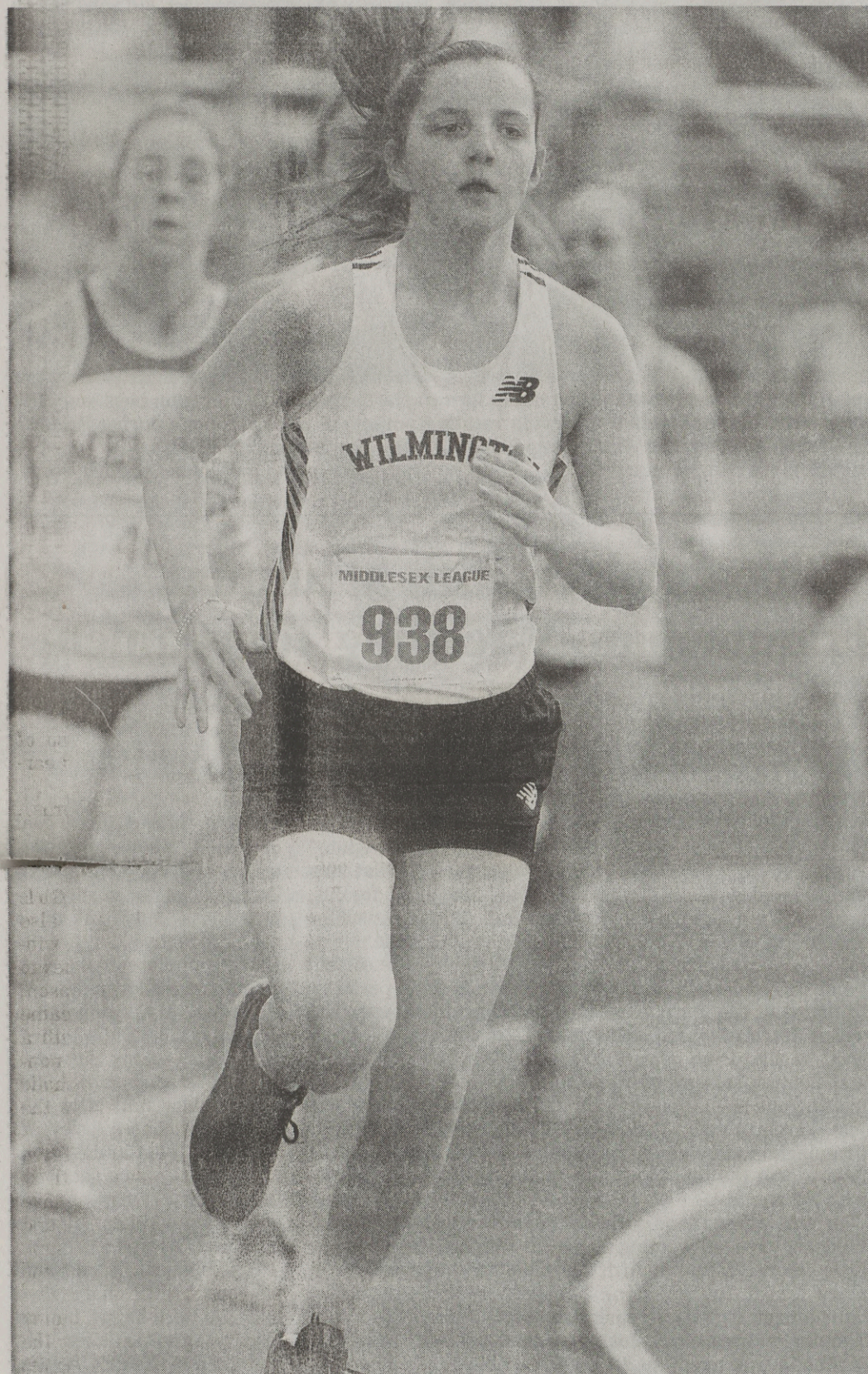
Taking third places included Broussard in the 55-meter dash (8.33), Miller-Nuzzo in the 600 (1:50.62), Flynn in the 300 with a personal best time of 47.87, as well as Joanne Arulraj in the 55-meter hurdles (11.31), Carissa Rubin with a personal best time of 3:40.31 in the 1,000, Olivia Erler with a personal best time of 14:21 in the two-mile and Juliana Patrone, who cleared 4-10 in

the high jump.

Several members of the Wildcats participated in Sunday's MSTCA Winter Distance Classic Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Amie Russell had the top performance taking second in the shot put throwing 31-05.75, while Gianna Misuraca was 19th in the two-mile at 12:58.11 and 37th in the mile at 6:10.04.

Also competing included Rubin who was 47th in the mile at 6:15.11, Erler, who was 61st in the mile at 6:33.84, Angelyn Ciampa, who was 62nd in the 1,000 at 3:51.38 and Gianna Spada, who was 66th in the 1,000 at 3:58.77.

Wilmington will battle Stoneham on Friday back at BU and then will have the Freshmen/Sophomore Meet on Saturday at the RLC.



Above left, Shea Cushing competes in the 600-meters and above right, Petya Stoeva is about to land for her mark in the long jump during the Wilmington High School Girls Indoor Track team's meet held last Thursday afternoon at Boston University. (photos by Nicole Goodhue Boyd).

Wilmington takes 13th at annual Framingham Holiday Wrestling Tournament

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and now he wants to go out and get some wins. He is off to a great start this year (13-4 record) in a deep weight class as just a sophomore."

Senior Ryan Murphy went 2-2 at 220 pounds to earn a fourth place finish. Murphy started his day in the round of 16 with a 5-2 win over Peter Grant of Longmeadow before taking an 11-3 major decision over Eddy Torres of Lawrence in the quarterfinals. He then suffered defeats in the semifinals and in the consolation bracket, but still managed to earn his first ever place finish in a tournament.

It was another fine effort by the senior, who has alternated between wrestling at 220 pounds and heavyweight (285 pounds) for the Wildcats this season.

"Ryan is another kid who has put together a nice early season," McKenna said. "He has been a great kid to work with this season. He is tough to score upon when he is in the bigger kids, and he takes a lot of pride in that, but on Friday he also did a great job offensively. He put together a really good day for himself."

Junior captain Jacob

Bernard earned a fifth place finish at 113 pounds, putting on a great performance, going 4-1 on the day. Bernard started his day with a pin of Framingham's Luis Mendes in just 21 seconds. He then dropped his quarterfinals match, getting pinned by Michal Gorman of King Phillip, before ripping off three straight wins in the consolation bracket. He got things started by pinning Zach Wagner of Newton South in just 36 seconds, winning a major decision by a score of 21-4 over Alexis Dobson of Manchester Central and finally beating Luis Rodriguez of Chicopee in the fifth place match in a time of 3:44.

With his 4-1 day, Bernard is not 14-4 on the season.

"Jacob was really upset with himself," McKenna said. "He was winning 5-0 in the quarterfinals, but he made a slight mistake and got caught for a pin, so he didn't get an opportunity to wrestle in the semis."

"He has had a great season so far. His only losses this year have been to state place finishers and sectional finalists. He will be looking to do even better as we get deeper

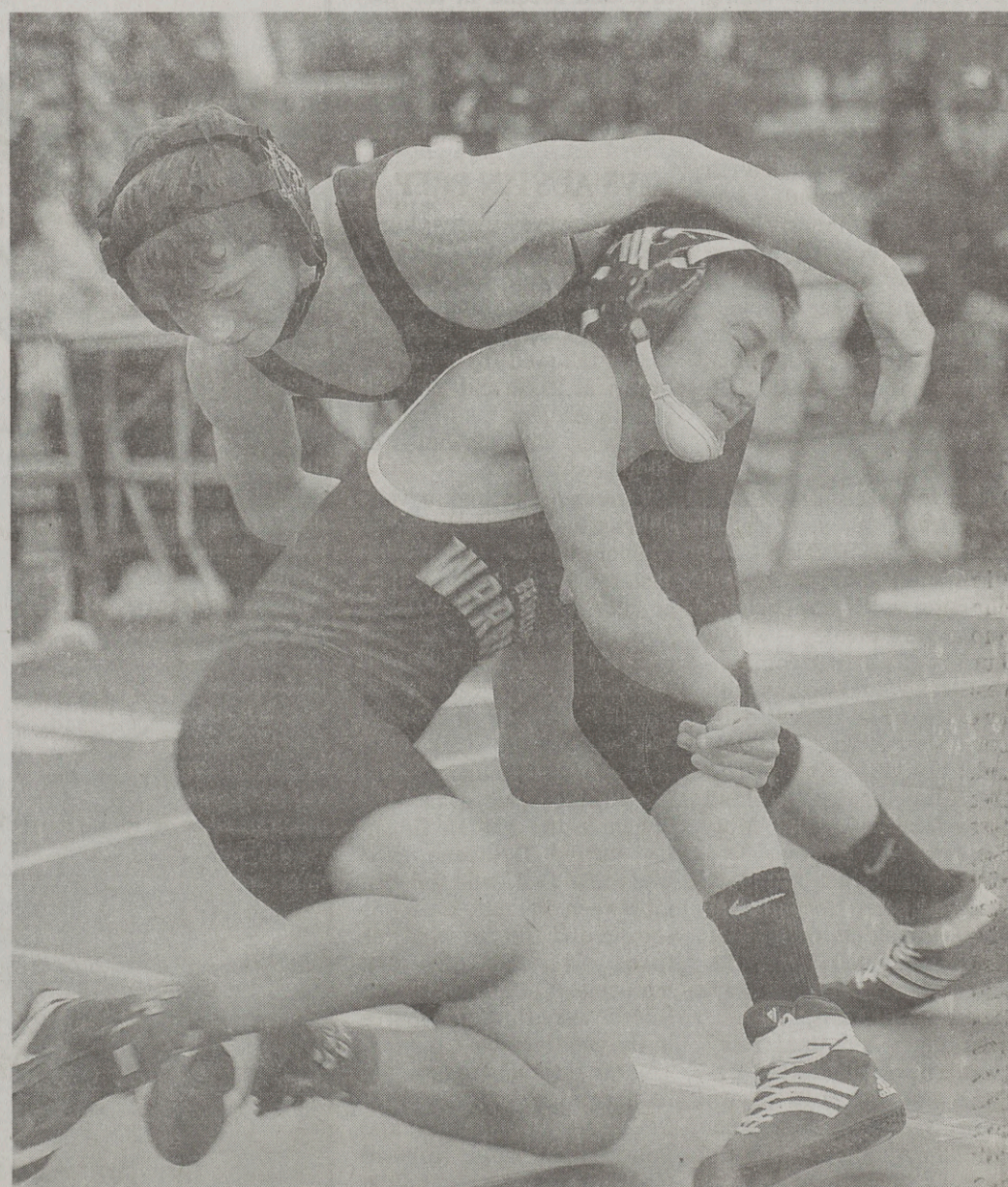
into the season."

Sophomore Joe Ganley went 3-2 on the day to earn a seventh place finish, losing his first match of the day to eventual finalist Sammy Pappadopoulos of Natick, and then winning two matches in row, pinning Evan Hazard of Milford and Devin MacBain of Newtown South in just 1:15 each.

Ganley then lost in the consolation semifinals before earning a hard fought 10-7 win over Oliver Gagnon of Holliston in the seventh place match.

"Joe had a good day, but he is another one that is upset with himself. He didn't wrestle his best and he made some mistakes," McKenna said. "He may have been pressing too much. But he knows what he has to do to get better. He got better as the day went on and he is working hard to correct what went wrong."

The Wildcats will be back in action on Saturday when they travel to Cohasset High School to compete in the Cohasset Tournament, before hosting Watertown next Wednesday night at 6:00 pm at Wilmington High.



Shane Penny makes a move on his opponent during an earlier season WHS Wrestling match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

Rams Hockey ends in 1-1 tie with Hillies

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HAVERHILL - The Haverhill Christmas Tournament has become a good annual early season test for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team, as they get an opportunity to take on some tough competition in a tournament setting.

After not participating in the tournament last season for the first time in many years, the Rams were back at Haverhill High School last Wednesday and Friday to once again do battle with some tough opponents, this time taking on Dover-Sherborn/Weston in their first round game, where they suffered a 4-3 overtime loss in the first round of the tournament, before skating to a 1-1 tie with host Haverhill in the consolation game on Friday night.

North Andover went on to win the tournament after a 7-2 opening round win over Haverhill and a 4-0 win over Dover-Sherborn in Friday night's championship game.

The Rams game against Dover-Sherborn, which will officially go in the books as a 3-3 tie, with the overtime being played only to determine who would advance in the tournament, was a back and forth affair throughout, with each team taking turns controlling play throughout the game.

Shawsheen jumped on top early in this one, when senior forward DJ DeRose of Wilmington fought off a defender in front and pushed the puck past the DS Weston goalie for a quick 1-0 Shawsheen lead just 2:20 into the game.

DS/Weston would come

back almost immediately, however, when Tommy Higgins scored just 46 seconds later to tie things up at 1-1.

The frantic pace continued in the early going when junior Drew Theodos of Tewksbury pounced on a rebound out front to make the score 2-1 Shawsheen just 52 seconds after DS/Weston had tied things up.

Things settled down somewhat after those frantic first four minutes, although both teams did have their opportunities. DS/Weston actually seemed to have the better of the opportunities, but they were thwarted on several occasions by Shawsheen junior goalie Kam Neault of Tewksbury.

Shawsheen took their 2-1 lead into the second period, where once again a furious first few minutes of the period set the pace. DS/Weston tied the score at 2-2 just 1:48 into the period, but exactly one minute later, senior forward Owen Sullivan gave the Rams the lead back with an outstanding individual effort to beat the Raiders goalie and make the score 3-2 in favor of the Rams.

One again, the goaltending would take over from there, and teams headed to the third period with Shawsheen clinging to their slim 3-2 lead.

Higgins would strike again for DS/Weston, tying the game at 3-3 on a power play goal with 8:13 left in the contest, and that is how the score would remain through the rest of regulation thanks to some more clutch goaltending by both Neault as well as Raiders goalie Zach Corbin.

It didn't take long in over-

time for DS/Weston to put an end to things, with copper Griffin scoring the game winner just 1:20 into the extra session to propel the Raiders into Friday night's title game and the Rams into the consolation game against Haverhill.

On Friday night, the Division 3 Rams and the Division 2 Hillies battled to a 1-1 tie, with Neault making 24 saves for Shawsheen. Junior defenseman Nick Farrell of Wilmington scored the only Shawsheen goal of the game early in the first period on nice wrist shot from the slot, with assists going to DeRose and Sullivan.

That lead would hold up until late in the third period when Haverhill scored with the goalie pulled for the extra attacker with just 1:08 left in the game.

With the two ties in the tournament, the Rams record now sits at 1-0-2, as they prepare for their next game on Thursday night at 7:10 the Hallenborg Arena in Billerica against CAC rival Nashoba Tech. They will follow that up with a road game at the Essex Sports Center against Essex Tech on Saturday at noon time.

BOYS HOOP

After on 0-2 start to the season, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team has been on quite a roll as of late, and on Tuesday afternoon at the Cook Street Pavilion, the Rams kept that roll going with a 79-44 win over CAC rival Essex Tech.

With the win the Rams are now 4-2 overall on the season. Leading the way for the Rams in their latest win was senior Casey DeCost of



Wilmington resident Nathan Silva tries to block a shot taken by a Billerica defenseman during last week's fundraiser non-league contest. (photo by Bob DeChiara)

Tewksbury, senior Ryan Smith and junior Jalen Massengill who all had 14 points. Senior Zach Mickle had 12 points converting four three pointers and senior Mark Girodano added 11 points. Senior Jared Rizzo of Tewksbury had eight points while junior Santino Garofalo of Tewksbury scored six. The Rams led 43-21 at halftime and never looked back.

"This was a total team effort" said Rams Head Coach Greg Bendel. "Our team played very well and I am proud of how everyone contributed"

Last Friday night, in another home game, the Rams defeated Arlington Catholic 62-55 in a non league matchup. Leading the way for the Rams once again was DeCost, with 15 points. Mickle had 13 points, Rizzo had 11, Massengill added nine.

"This was a huge win for



Shawsheen Tech Girls' Basketball player Ashlyn Bisso of Tewksbury with a no look pass in the team's game held earlier this season against Northeast. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras)

GIRLS HOOP

us over a very good Arlington Catholic team" said Bendel. "I am really proud of how our team performed under pressure especially in the second half."

Even with their recent surge, Bendel knows there is still plenty of work ahead for his team.

"We are obviously very pleased to have won four straight games but we know we have a long way to go to reach our full potential," Bendel said. "I am proud of the way our team is coming together and the way they are playing with a lot of confidence. We will need to continue to work hard and keep improving to be successful."

The Rams will next travel to Greater Lawrence to take on the Reggies Friday night.

The Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team has also been on a roll as of late, winning three straight games to improve to 3-2 on the season. Their most recent win came in dramatic fashion, with a 43-40 triumph over non-league rival Lowell Catholic last Thursday night at the Cook Street Pavilion.

Senior Becca Smith hit a clutch three pointer with 24 seconds remaining that gave the Lady Rams the lead, and senior Alex DiPerri sank two free throws to seal the victory.

Sophomore Shelby Bourdeau led the way for the Lady Rams with 14 points and 11 rebounds.



For each of the past five years, members of the Shawsheen Tech Swim Team have taken part in the annual L Street Brownies Polar Plunge. Joining in on the fun include from left, Jamie Quintiliani, Danielle Liscio, team friend Michael O'Donnell, Captain Amaan Sheikh, Team Captain Cam Hudson, Derek Costello, Jon O'Neill, Damien Hadden, Connor Maguire, Paul Tower, Stephanie LaFond, Dillon Lavallee and Captain Carli Spada. (courtesy photo).

Rams Wrestling team places fourth at prestigious Lowell Holiday Tournament

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LOWELL - Each time they take to the mat this season, it becomes more and more obvious that this is shaping up to be a special season for the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team, and this past week was no exception.

The Rams, who are off to a 10-0 start to their dual meet season, as well as having recently won the Wilmington Sons of Italy Tournament, continued their tremendous season last Thursday and Friday at the prestigious George Bossi Lowell Holiday Wrestling Tournament. Once again made a statement to every other team in the state of Massachusetts, and in this case, all of New England, finishing fourth in a talented 76-team field.

The Rams finished with 134 points over the two day tournament to earn their fourth place finish, with four wrestlers earning Top 8 place finishes, including one champion, Wilmington's Omar Eldaly at 220 pounds, while every Shawsheen wrestler won at least one

match.

Springfield Central, who Shawsheen will face in a few weeks as part of a quad meet, won the tournament with 177 points.

"It was a great team effort by all of our guys," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "We had eight of the 13 kids we brought with us advance to the second day, end everyone won at least one match, so we were happy with how the kids wrestled. They all went out there and wrestled hard."

Eldaly once again led the way for the Rams, going 6-0 over the two days to capture his first ever Bossi championship, after finishing fourth last season. Eldaly, who is now 20-0 on the season, started his tournament by beating Bryan Butera of LaSalle Academy in first round in a time of 2:07, followed by a win over Michael Allen of Milton in the round of 32 in a time of 2:43 and a pin of Sam DosSantos of BC High in round the of 16 in just 26 seconds to close out his day on Thursday.

Eldaly came back on Friday and won his quarter-

final match over Owen McMillan of Hollis-Brookline (NH) in a technical fall by a score of 23-8, before battling OJ Pekacar of Dedham in semi-finals and coming away with a 5-3 win.

Finally in the finals, Eldaly got a late takedown in the third period to earn a 4-1 win over Noah Giffard of Concord, New Hampshire.

"Winning the holiday tournament was big for him, especially after finishing fourth her last year," Donovan said. "He wrestled very well, and I am very happy for him."

Shawsheen's next highest finisher was Austin Dube at 113 pounds. Dube went 6-2 in the tournament to earn a fifth place finish, including a win over KJ Sotomayer of Ludlow in the fifth place match with a point in 4:23.

"It was an unbelievable tournament for Austin," Donovan said. "He gets better every day and he keeps working hard. He has been working in the room with Frankie Foti and they push each other to get better every day."

Speaking of Foti, he

earned a seventh place finish at 120 pounds, going 5-2 for the tournament, including a 2-0 decision over Jacob Ice of Minnechaug in the seventh place match.

Frank's brother Vinny had suffered a dislocated elbow earlier in the tournament,

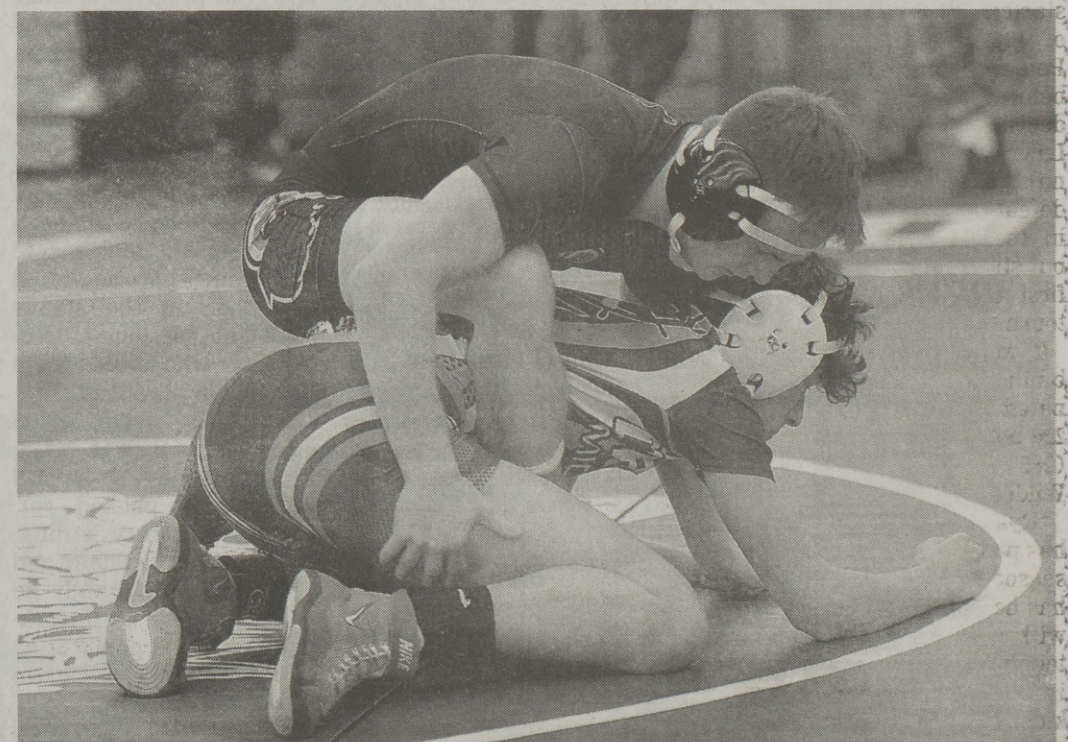
preventing him from completing what was shaping up to be a strong finish for him as well, but Foti represented the family very well in his absence.

"Frankie was kind of a mess going into one of his matches after Vinny got

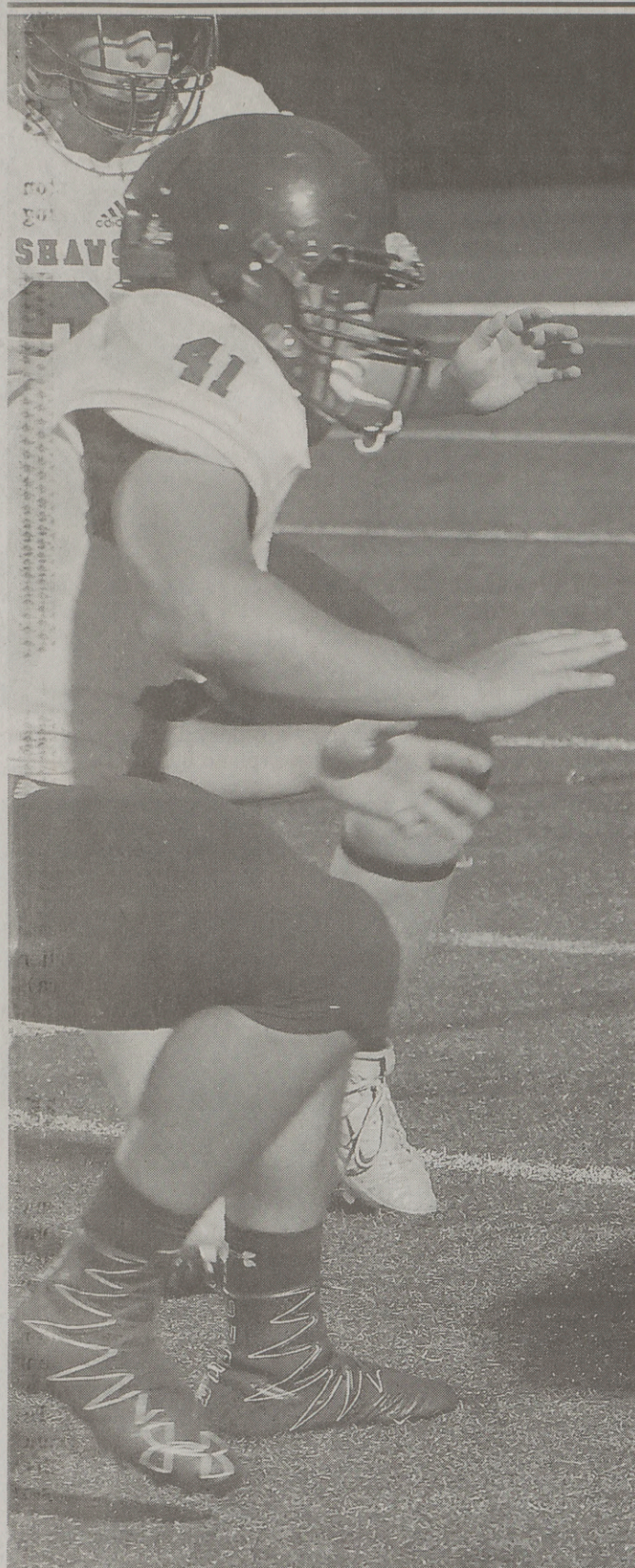
hurt and had to be taken to the hospital," Donovan said. "But Vinny came back from the hospital and Frank did a great job bouncing back to take seventh place."

The Rams final place finisher of the day was Stephan

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Shawsheen Tech wrestler Brian Caldwell makes a move on an opponent during an earlier season match. (photo by Bob DeChiara)



Omar Eldaly was outstanding during his football career at Shawsheen Tech. (file photo).

Wilmington Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Year: Omar Eldaly

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through another incredible bracket of the best wrestlers in the entire state the following week at the All-States. He won his first three matches, including getting revenge on Peterson, an 8-5 decision, coming in the semi-finals. The All-State Championship match was up next, and Eldaly was defeated by Lincoln-Sudbury's Andrew Marshall in a 17-4 major decision.

Eldaly and Marshall would meet up again, the following weekend in the finals of the New England Championships. This time Marshall was able to put a big move on Eldaly and pinned him at the 1:05 mark of the match.

"I am disappointed, I guess that's the nicest way to say it," Eldaly said to the TC. "But there is nothing I can do about it now, except go back to practice and keep working hard to get back there. I just want to focus on the feeling I had after losing that finals match, because I never want to have that feeling again."

That was the third loss of the season to Marshall -- as Eldaly finished 46-1 against everyone else. Marshall ended his career with a record of 165-19, breaking the school record for wins, while all but 56 career wins came by pin.

"(Marshall) is very experienced and a very good wrestler," Eldaly said to the TC. "For me, most of the time I am controlling my matches, so when I am in a position where I am not in control, I tend to panic a little and start to flail and that's what happened. He is a strong kid, and he picked me up and dropped me on my back and I never had a chance to get on my stomach and he got the pin."

After that loss in the NE's, he didn't want to think about everything he had accomplished up to that point of the season, rather he just wanted to think about what he needs to do to get to that next level.

"I don't know if I will ever get there, where I feel good about it," Eldaly said. "I worked so hard all off-season to be the best I could be, but I will see that moment when I was pinned all off-season this year."

Reaching the New England championship finals is extremely rare and such an absolutely incredible accomplishment. For Eldaly, that feat is doubled considering the fact that he had started wrestling when he was 14, not to mention making some Rams' history in the process.

"I think it is amazing," Donovan said at the time. "He is just the second person in the history of our program to make the New England finals as a junior, with Jake Ferri being the first and he won it. Omar was bummed because it was the first time all year he had been pinned, but I told him that he could look in the stands and see tons of people who would love to be in his shoes."

"His first year on the mat was as a freshman, so he still hasn't peaked yet. He is very strong, and very athletic and most importantly he is a very hard worker. He is going to do whatever he can to improve."

THE DRIVE

With most of his senior year still in

front of him, Eldaly is looking for nothing less than championships in both of those tournaments.

When asked what will keep him motivated throughout the long grind of the season until he gets to All-States and New Englands, Eldaly's answer was simple.

"Of course my goal is to win it all, so it is obvious that if I want to achieve that I have to stay motivated and keep working hard in the room," Eldaly said. "Other than that, your teammates are what keep you motivated. If you are ever feeling down, they are a great source of support. If you ever want to give up, all you have to do is look at your teammates and know that they would never do that."

If hard work is what it takes to succeed, Donovan has little doubt that Eldaly will do whatever it takes to be a champion.

"He's one of the hardest workers in our room," Donovan said. "He's a great athlete. You can see his ability out there, and it's second to none. But as great as he is, he is still working to get better every day. He is a great kid, and a great leader for us. He leads by example and he leads by what he says as well."

That leadership, and willingness to help out the younger wrestlers on the current Rams squad is a responsibility that Eldaly takes great pride in.

"Of course I take a lot of pride in that," Eldaly said. "When you know the other kids are watching you, that changes things. It changes your attitude and everything. It is nice to have that, but it is also a responsibility I have to take seriously."

It is also a skill that Eldaly learned back when he was a freshman from Ferri, who was a two-time New England champion before moving on to Kent State University where he is in midst of a great collegiate career.

"It was tough for me as a freshman, but I got a little lucky because I had some great role models, and especially Jake," Eldaly said. "What he did for me then is what I try to do for the younger kids now."

In addition to Ferri and his other peers, Eldaly has also benefited greatly from the leadership of Donovan, both in and out of the wrestling room.

"He is like a second father to me," Eldaly said. "Through thick and thin, I know I can always count on him. I can go to him for anything, whether it is wrestling or life in general. As long as you tell him the truth, he is always there for you. It is great working with him and seeing how he goes about things. Even if you didn't like wrestling, you would respect him so much that you would listen to him."

COMING BACK STRONG

As Eldaly stated, football was his first love and it remains a sport he is incredibly passionate about. Evidence of that passion came after he suffered his sprained MCL this past season.

With the injury occurring in the seventh game of the season, and the Rams failing to qualify for the playoffs, there was little reason for Eldaly to push himself to get back on the field, especially with his senior year of wrestling still in front of him. But for Eldaly, not trying to come back was never an option, and he worked every day to get back on the field with his teammates for their Thanksgiving Day game with Austin Prep.

"I hated missing those games," Eldaly said. "It stunk, but it happens to every athlete at some point, where you get injured. You just have to do what you have to do to come back. I was going to do whatever it took to get back for Thanksgiving. It was my

last game ever. I had some solid recovery time and I respect my coaches and teammates so much that I wanted to play with them one more time."

For Eldaly, coming back for one last game may have seemed like just the normal thing to do, but Costabile knows that would not have been the case for everybody.

"He is a great wrestler and a lot of kids would not have tried to come back for football," Costabile said. "But he worked with our athletic trainer every day, then he would come out to practice. Wrestling began the Monday after, but that was not an issue for him. Omar got some great advice from Renee, our athletic trainer, and he took her advice and worked hard to get back."

While Eldaly was having an outstanding season for the Rams prior to his injury, it was not the best season for the team, as they struggled to a 4-7 record. This came on the heels of two consecutive CAC titles by the Rams during Eldaly's sophomore and junior years.

Eldaly has been part of plenty of championship teams during his time at Shawsheen, winning three straight CAC titles with the wrestling team (so far), to go along with two state vocational championships. While wrestling may be his so called No. 1 sport, his league titles with the football team are equally meaningful to him.

"It was great to win championships with the football team," Eldaly said. "I love winning the individual championships with the wrestling team, but sometimes the football titles are even more satisfying because the whole team is happy."

Just as Donovan has helped him become a better wrestler and person, Eldaly feels that Costabile has done the same for him with football.

"Coach (Costabile) is a good man. He loves his team, he loves his staff and he loves his players," Eldaly said. "He has a great passion for what he does and it shows."

Certainly Eldaly will miss the guidance and passion that Costabile brought to the football field each and every day, and when the wrestling season ends, not being instructed everyday by Hall of Fame Coach Mark Donovan will also be a tough pill to swallow. But Donovan, just like Costabile, knows that this kid has a Hall of Fame type career ahead of him because he has a Hall of Fame type work ethic and certainly character the make-up as a person.

"Omar will be going to college and he will wrestle and he will do very well," Donovan said. "He has what it takes in terms of skill and work ethic."

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.

Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year

- 2018: Omar Eldaly
- 2017: Danny Gracia
- 2016: Joe Gaudreau
- 2015: Brian Cavanaugh & Matt Spurr
- 2014: Evan Raffi
- 2013: Drew Foley
- 2012: Colin Doherty
- 2011: Vinny Scifo
- 2010: Sean Hanley
- 2009: Caleb Rogers
- 2008: Stephen Stewart
- 2007: Ernie Mello
- 2006: Greg Stewart
- 2005: Joe Herra
- 2004: Joe Herra
- 2003: Derek Trueira
- 2002: Derek Hanley
- 2001: Ryan Layton
- 2000: Tim Riley
- 1999: Eric Banda
- 1998: Mark DiGiovanni
- 1997: Scott Swiezynski
- 1996: Billy Harrison
- 1995: Doug Olender
- 1994: Dave DeSantis

Athlete of the 2000-'09 Decade: Ernie Mello

Athlete of the 90s Decade: Danny Ballou

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. MH18P3600GD

In the interests of: Bailey Roberts of Wilmington, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/18/2018 by Cynthia C. O'Connell of Wilmington, MA, Kevin O'Connell of Wilmington, MA, will be held 02/01/2019 08:30 AM Review Hearing Located Marlboro Session.
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filing out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
Date: November 15, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate 181603 1/2/19

LEGAL NOTICE



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THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Docket No. MH18D3744DR

Michael Patrick Collins vs. Michelle Clark-Collins

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Dianne P. Bartalamia, Esq. Wright Family Law Group 1445 Main St. Tewksbury, MA 01876

your answer, if any, on or before 01/22/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 10, 2018

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Wilmington Bantam I Youth Hockey team picks up five points

The Wilmington Bantam 1 youth hockey team started off its Christmas vacation with a 1-1 tie against Agawam and a 4-2 win over Nashoba.

The Wildcats got right to it Friday night at Hockeytown in Saugus where they battled to a 1-1 tie with both goals happening in the final period.

It was a tight defensive game that did see some good scoring chances at each end. Justin Finnegan played spot on all game for Wilmington making several great saves.

The full squad for the Wildcats played well, both offensively and defensively, but found themselves down a goal half way through the third when Agawam snuck one in. It wasn't long after that when "a well rested" Ryan Murray gained possession of the puck in the defensive zone, took it coast to coast and stuffed it into the net to tie and closeout the game 1-1.

The following morning the Wildcats took their show on the road to the Lawrence Academy in Groton where they lined up against the Nashoba Grizzlies and beat them down 4-2.

Nashoba scored first just under two minutes into the game only to be answered back by a nice goal from Michael Sullivan with assist from Bobby Dodge and Ryan Bornstein to make it 1-1.

Despite Wilmington's solid first period play the Grizzlies were able to regain the lead at 4:07 to go ahead again 2-1.

The Wildcats countered with another sweet goal from Sullivan's hard wrist shot, high glove side on a nice pass from William O'Shea.

The 'Cats would close the

period tied 2-2.

Second period action was fast as both teams battled for possession. Justin Finnegan closed the door for the day in net for the Cats, not allowing any more goals. The Wildcats, on the other hand, were not done scoring. Sullivan finished off his hat trick at 2:36 with another nice goal to give Wilmington a 3-2 lead to end the period.

William LaMonica added an insurance goal early in the third period, his first of the season, when he pinched in from the blue-line, collected a rebound from O'Shea and Chris Patterson and whistled the puck past Nashoba's goalie.

The Grizzlies tried to fight back but the Wildcats stayed strong. Late in the game, Finnegan made a fantastic glove save on a hard shot that looked to be going in. Wilmington held on for an exciting 4-2 victory.

On Friday night at the O'Brien Rink in Woburn, Wilmington as they dismantled the Natick Comets by the score of 7-1.

The Wildcats were in full attack mode right from the first drop of the puck. Just under three minutes into the game, while in the offensive zone, Michael Sullivan made a nice pass to Ryan Murray who's shot was blocked but the rebound came out to Dylan Mullarky who wasted no time putting the puck in the net to put Wilmington up 1-0.

The fired up Wildcats carried much of the play and at 4:04, Brett Gallucci found the back of net, playing strong positional hockey, making it 2-0 with assist going to Alex Burns and Chris Patterson. Not long after that Cam Gagnon put

a hard wrist shot upstairs past Natick's goalie after receiving a nice pass from Will O'Shea to give the Cats a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period.

The defensive squad of Jacob Smith, Jack Andersen, Ryan Bornstein, Will Lamonica and Bobby Dodge all played solid in front of goalie Justin Finnegan.

In the second period the Comets unsuccessfully tried to score as Finnegan turned aside all shots on net. Then at 7:30 Burns won a face off in the neutral zone to Patterson who carried the puck in around the defensemen, made a quick deke and slipped the puck into the net to give the Wildcats a commanding 4-0 lead.

Natick had a couple of power play opportunities but were unable to capitalize as Wilmington stayed strong.

In the final frame it was more of the same for the Cats! O'Shea connected with Gagnon again at 7:48 and Gagnon netted his second goal of the game to extend the lead to 5-0. Nicholas Spencer also played a strong wing on that line.

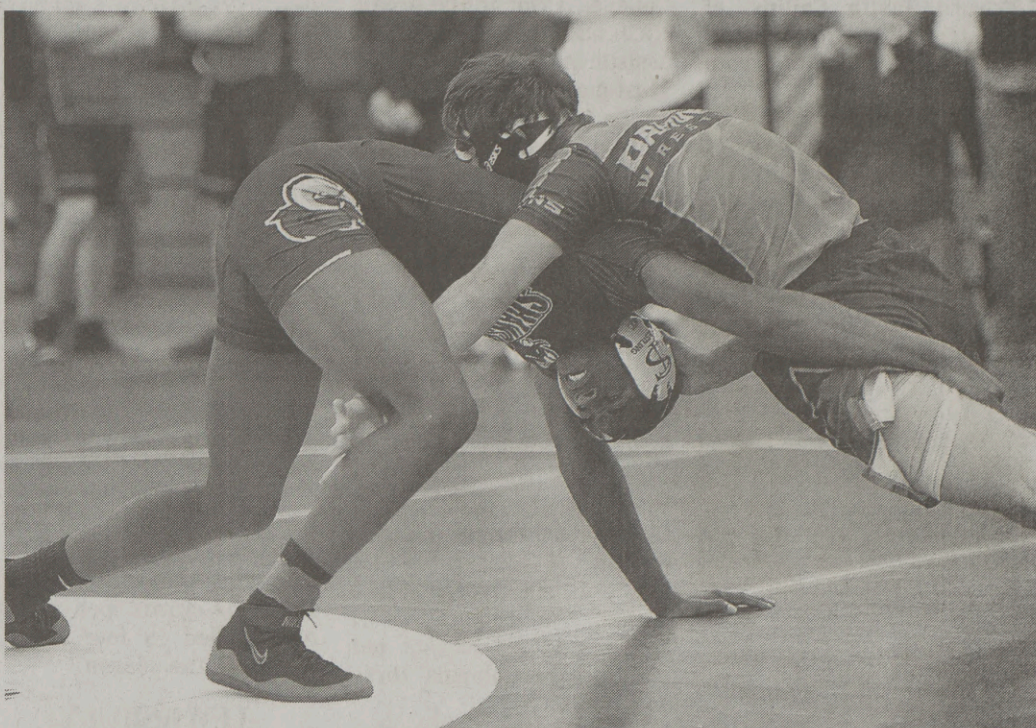
Wilmington did not let up and just over 30 seconds later Sullivan made a nice pass down low to Mullarky who flipped his second goal into the back of the net to give the Wildcats a 6-0 lead.

The Cats continued to pressure the depleted Natick team and with 6:12 left to play Gallucci made a nice breakout pass to Bornstein who carried the puck in and put a hard shot on net. The rebound came out to Patterson who hammered in his second goal of the game to put Wilmington on top 7-0. Unfortunately Finnegan, who played flaw-

less all game, was robbed of a shutout when the Comets squeaked in a goal with just

over two minutes in the game. That was all that they

would get as Wilmington completed its 7-1 thumping of the Comets.



Shawsheen Tech wrestler Stephen St. Juste tries to avoid being taken down during an earlier season match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Rams wrestling team places fourth at prestigious Lowell Holiday Tournament

FROM PAGE SP7W

Saint-Juste, who took eighth place at 160 pounds, going 5-3 in the tournament, including winning three matches in a row at one point.

Although he didn't place, freshman Joe D'Ampolo of Tewksbury had a fine tournament, going 3-2 at 106 pounds, including one win by forfeit. D'Ampolo's tournament got off to a rough start with a first round loss to eventual champion Evan Kinney of Chelmsford. Kinney is also the defending Division 1 state champion.

But after that loss, D'Ampolo bounced back to beat Gavin Rodman of LaSalle Academy by a score

of 4-1, and Zachary Peters of Canton by a score of 7-4. He was then awarded a victory by forfeit over Shane Reynolds of BC High, before finally being eliminated by Shawn Hardy of Quabbin in the consolation quarterfinals.

"He was one match away from placing, so he did very well," Donovan said. "He is only a freshman, but he is getting better every day, so it was nice to see him do so well in a tournament like this."

Other locals for the Rams included Nick Lavino of Tewksbury, who went 2-2 at 120 pounds with both of his victories by pin, as well as

Nick Stephens of Tewksbury who went 1-2, with his one win coming by pin in just 1:24 over Christian Ferron of Alvirne.

Mike Steen of Wilmington went 2-2 in the tournament at 170 pounds, with both of his wins coming by pin. He was eliminated in the round of 16 by eventual finalist Seth Carney of Essex Junction, Vermont.

The Rams will be back in action on Saturday, when they travel to Minnechaug Regional High School for a meet against Ludlow, Massapequa, North Andover and West Springfield.

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Collins off to an impressive debut with the Westfield State College Hockey team

By **MIKE IPPOLITO**
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Westfield State freshman forward Justin Collins, of Wilmington, and the rest of the Lancers will return from



JUSTIN COLLINS

the holiday break this weekend with a game against Salem State. Prior to the break, Collins had been making quite an impressive collegiate debut, leading the team with nine points in ten games on two goals and seven assists.

UMass Dartmouth senior forward **Brendan McDonough** and his Corsairs teammates will be back in action this weekend against Fitchburg State in their first game back from the holiday break.

Prior to the break, McDonough's season was off to a great start, as he was tied for the team lead in goals with eight and was second on the team with eleven points in just twelve games.

Salem State freshman forward **Billy Falter** will also return to action this weekend, with a game against. Falter appears to be adjusting well to the collegiate level, having scored two goals for the Vikings prior to the holiday break, while playing in eight games.

On the women's side, Stevenson University senior assistant captain and forward **Maddy Ricci** will be

returning from the holiday break with her Mustangs teammates this weekend with a game against Wilkes College. Prior to the break, Ricci had two goals and five assists in 12 games for the Mustangs, putting her fourth on the team in points.

BASKETBALL

Curry College senior captain and guard **Emily Irwin** was recognized as the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) women's basketball Player of the Week this past week, as announced by the league office on Monday afternoon.

Irwin earns her first Player of the Week nod of the season after she did a little bit of everything for Curry as she averaged 21.3 points, 7.0 rebounds, 5.7 steals, and 3.3 assists per game in the Colonels' three contests.

She scored a season-high 29 points against Widener in the opening game of the Cruzin' Classic in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., while also adding six rebounds, six assists, and three steals. She followed that up with 17 points, six rebounds, six steals, and three assists in a loss to Simpson.

She closed out the awarding period with an 18-point, nine-rebound game against Thomas, a 47-32 victory. She also had eight steals in the contest.

For the season, Irwin is averaging 15.6 points, 4.8 rebounds and five steals per game, to lead the Colonels in each of those categories.

Haverford College freshman forward **Caroline Anderson** is adapting very well to playing at the collegiate level, having appeared in ten games for the Fords and averaging about 18 minutes per game, while scoring 3.5 points per game. Her season high came back on November 29 when she had 13 points in a 84-29 win over Bryn Mawr.

FALL LEFTOVERS

Salem State defender **Kaitlyn Curley** was named to the 2018 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Soccer First Team.

Curley, a three-time first team selection, helped the Vikings' defense post a 2.20 goals against average, which was fourth best in the league while contributing a goal and assist in 19 starts.

In football, **James Regan** was one of 12 players on the Amherst team to be named to the All-NESCAC First Team squad.

O'Regan along with teammate **Bo Berluti** formed one of the most dangerous receiving duos in the NESCAC. Each of them averaged more than sixty receiving yards per game and hauled in four touchdowns on the season.

TEWKSBURY

UMass Lowell sophomore forward **Connor Sodergren** returned to action this past weekend with a 4-1 loss to Denver in their first game back from the holiday break.

While that game did not go their way, it has been a fine season for Sodergren, who is fourth on the team in scoring with two goals and seven assists for nine points after playing in ten of River Hawks (8-8-1) first 17 games. Sodergren also leads the team with a +7 plus/minus rating.

Merrimack College senior forward and captain **Derek Petti** and his Warriors teammates suffered a 5-1 loss to Colorado College on New Year's Eve to close out their 2018 calendar year. Despite the loss, Petti continued what has been a solid season for himself, winning 11 out of 16 faceoff attempts.

Petti is among the team leaders for the Warriors in faceoff wins on the season with 98 in 13 games, and he also has a goal and two assists on the season.

His brother, junior forward **Ryan Petti** and his Connecticut College Camels teammates, skated to a 5-1 win over Nichols College on Sunday night in their first game back after the holiday break.

Petti had a +2 plus/minus rating in the game, and while he didn't score in this one, he currently has three goals and two assists in ten games this season and his five points are third most on the team.

Stonehill College junior forward **Ryan Meade** will be looking to continue what has been an outstanding season so far when he and his Skyhawks teammates return from their holiday break this weekend in a game against Johnson & Wales.

Prior to the break, Meade was third on the team in scoring with six points on five goals and one assist in eleven games.

Meade's teammate at Stonehill, junior forward **Colin Quinn**, is also enjoying a fine season for the Skyhawks, having played in five games prior to the break and scoring two goals on the season.

Saint Anselm freshman forward **Kelly Golini** is returning to action this week when she and her Hawks teammates come back from the holiday break for a game with Saint Scholastica on Friday night.

Golini will be looking to build on what has been a very promising freshman season, as she has six goals and four assists for ten points in 13 games, to go along with a +12 plus/minus rating.

BASKETBALL

Adelphi University senior forward **Nick Cambio** scored a team high 20 points in the Panthers 91-85 loss to STAC on Sunday afternoon. Cambio added eight rebounds and a blocked shot to his day's work and is now averaging 12.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game, with his

rebound average leading the team, while he is third in points per game.

Emmanuel College freshman guard **Giovanni Ciampa** is enjoying fine first college season for the Saints, having seen action in all 12 of the Saints games this season, starting nine contests.

Ciampa is averaging 5.5 points and 1.7 assists per game for the 8-4 Saints.

Turning to the female side, Framingham State junior guard **Emily Velezo** had a pair of strong games this past weekend in leading the Rams to a pair of wins. She started her weekend on Saturday night with 18 points and three rebounds in a 65-53 win over Wellesley College, and followed that up with 13 points and five rebounds in a 70-66 win over Clark University on Sunday.

For the season, Velezo is averaging 15 points per game, which is good for second on the team.

SWIMMING

The UMass Dartmouth swimming-and-diving teams closed out its first semester schedule by a 145-112 loss to Clark University.

Junior **Molly Harrington** took top honors in the 50-yard freestyle (26.90) and posted a runner-up finish in the 100 yard freestyle (59.98) for the Corsairs.

TRACK-AND-FIELD

The Fitchburg State University men's indoor track & field team placed second overall at the 2018 Plymouth State University Winter Classic with a total of 146.50 points at the All Well North Athletic Center.

In the 1,000 meters, senior **Joseph Darrigo** qualified for the post season after placing fifth with a time of 4:45.32.

Also, Darrigo was among 47 MASCAC student-athletes who were recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship as a member of the cross-country team during the fall sports season.

On the women's side, former two-time Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year **Rachel Sessa**, a freshman at Georgetown University, finished third in the 1,000 meters with a time of 2:55.02 at Navy Invitational held in Annapolis, Maryland, in the team's season opener held back in early December.

At the Northeastern University Husky Invitational, two former Tewksbury High stars **Ashley Colarusso** and **Krista Stracqualursi** continued their success as members of the Stonehill team. Colarusso placed seventh in the pole vault and Stracqualursi was ninth in the shot put throwing 35-9.25.

FALL LEFTOVERS

University of Massachusetts men's cross country senior **Michael Famiglietti** was tabbed to the 2018 UMass Fall Scholar-Athletes list for his commitment in the classroom and in competition during their seasons.

Famiglietti earned USTFCA Division I Cross Country All-Region accolades after finishing 16th at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships as the top finisher for the Minutemen.

The senior led UMass to a sixth-place finish at the A-10 Championships, placing 13th overall to secure an Atlantic 10 All-Conference honor. Famiglietti earned a 10th-place finish at the New England Championships in the fall to help UMass secure the team title at the meet in addition to a fifth-place finish in the season opener.

The 2018 Academic All-Atlantic 10 pick is a five-time A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll recipient as an accounting major, a four-time member of the Dean's List, a member of Chi Alpha Sigma and part of the UMass Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

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